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SHANGHAI'S DEFENCE DENTED

Nationalists Evacuate Town Near Kashing REDS ATTACK TSINGTAO

Shanghai, May 7.
The Communist armies today blasted a gap in Shanghai's strongly fortified outer defence arc, struck against the Northern approaches to the North Eastern Shantung port of Tsingtao where the United States West Pacific Fleet is based, and rapidly closed in on Nanchang, the Western terminus of the Chekiang-Kiangsi railway, in intensified operations on all civil war fronts, according to official and press reports received here.

The Communist armies today blasted a gap in Shanghai's 130-miles protective line was created at the South Western end, when the Nationalist Garrison, after battling against a numerically superior Red force, evacuated Pingwang, a railway, highway and an inland river communications centre about 15 miles North of the strategic junction city of Kashing.

The way is now open for a multi-pronged Communist thrust.

At two other vital props of Shanghai's defence arc, Taichong, 30 miles North West of Shanghai, and Kunshan, 35 miles West, the Nationalist defenders firmly stood their ground in the face of blistering Red attacks.

In a pitched battle lasting more than eight hours, some 10,000 Communist troops, which attacked the Nationalist defenders at Kunshan, were driven back. Garrison communications were cut.

The Reds are said to have left behind over 1,000 killed and 200 prisoners, in addition to a large quantity of arms and ammunition. The bulletins indicated, however, that the Communists who had retreated across the creek were preparing for another attempt to break through.

A similar pitched battle occurred North of Taichong, which ended in the withdrawal of 5,000 attacking Communists.

Meanwhile, the long-expected Communist offensive against Tsingtao, which for several weeks has been the only major Nationalist stronghold in North China, got under way with violence at Taichong, about 26 miles North of the port city.

The offensive came close on the heels of the withdrawal of Vice Admiral Oscar C. Badger's naval units, including two light cruisers and several destroyers and transports, from the harbour to some miles outside in order to avoid being involved in China's civil war.

Late today, Nationalist and Communist forces were said to be locked in a fierce struggle around Tsingtao.

From Kiangsi Province, the official Chinese agency reported today that all business in Nanchang had come to a standstill with the approach of Communist Chen Kang's armies from the East along Chekiang-Kiangsi railway.

A state of war has been declared in the city, where shops are tightly barricaded as a precaution against looting. Buses and other public transport have been withdrawn from the streets and the populace is remaining indoors.

Although the exact whereabouts of the rapidly advancing Red armies were not stated, the independent "Ta Kung Pao" said today that East-bound trains from Nanchang could go only as far as Tsienan, about 27 miles distant.

An official report admitted that Poyang, 60 miles North East of Nanchang, had fallen to the Communists.

As the Communists drew close to the vital Canton-Hankow railway, General F. C. Chang-hai, the overall Nationalist Commander-in-Chief for Central China, flew yesterday to Changsha, the capital of Hunan Province, for an urgent conference with General Chiang Kai-shek, the Nationalist Chief of Staff.

Interviewed by pressmen at Changsha, General F. C. Chang-hai emphatically denied rumours that he was seeking a local peace settlement and United Press.

Two Buried At Sea



Lieutenant-Commander Grice Hutchinson and Royal Marine William Fisher, both of HMS London, were buried at sea yesterday from HMS Gosack. The two men were wounded during the shelling by Chinese Communists of HMS London on the Yangtze River. They died of their wounds at the Royal Navy Hospital on Friday. Yesterday the weighted, wrapped bodies were taken out to sea about 20 miles East of Hong Kong by HMS Gosack.

Covered by Union Jacks, the bodies were guarded throughout the journey from Hong Kong by four sailors. Burial took place on the port side of Gosack. The Chaplain of HMS London, the Reverend N. M. Benleigh-Maxwell, conducted the funeral service. A detachment of Royal Marines fired a volley. ("China Mail" photo).

Story on London Shelling on page 3.

CHURCH SERVICE FOR MURDERED OFFICERS

A special service for the two European police officers, Inspector R. F. C. Olivier and Sub-Inspector L. Haynes, murdered in their sleep by three men on police cruising launch No. 1 on Friday, will take place at St. John's Cathedral at 4.30 p.m. today.

The caskets will be transported from the Mainland to Queen's Pier at about 3.30 p.m. At Queen's Pier a special parade in honour of the two officers will be carried out by members of the Hong Kong Police Force.

Burial will take place at Happy Valley following the Service at the Cathedral. The Police declined to make further statements on the tragedy learned last night that the Canton Police Headquarters are co-operating in the hunt for the assassins.

The original reward offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the assassins has been increased from HK\$5,000 to HK\$20,000, the highest offered since the Liberation.

Unconfirmed reports said that the launch was stripped of a heavy machine-gun, two light machine-guns, five automatic rifles, five revolvers, and 10 cases of ammunition.

In addition, the assassins took away watches belonging to the crew of the launch.

In connection with the memorial service to be held this afternoon the Traffic Department announced that the following roads will be closed to all traffic between 3.45 p.m. and 4.30 p.m.:

Connaught Road, Central, between the junctions of Pedder Street and Murray Road; Murray Road, between the junctions of Chater Road and Connaught Road, Central; and Wardley Street, between the junctions of Chater Road and Connaught Road, Central.

The following car parks will be closed at 2 p.m. Connaught Road, Central between Queen's Building and Jackson Road; and Wardley Street between Chater Road and Connaught Road, Central.

The Murray Parade Ground will be available for car parking for those who attend the service at St. John's Cathedral. It will be open from 3.20 p.m.

Chiang Aboard A Destroyer?

Arrivals in Hong Kong from Shanghai today stated that Generalissimo Chiang was aboard a Chinese destroyer off Woosung, directing operations up to May 5 and returned to Chikow in Chekiang Province on May 6.

At least the impression in Shanghai was that the Generalissimo had been in constant touch with Shanghai, Canton and Taiwan on public affairs.—Associated Press.

SYNGMAN RHEE WANTS ANSWER FROM AMERICA

Seoul, May 7.
President Syngman Rhee of the South Korean government wants to know whether the United States would regard invasion across the 38th Parallel by the Soviet-dominated North Korean Republic as "tantamount to attack on the American people."

Dr. Rhee, in a press statement today, said this question was of "far greater importance than the mere question whether or not the remaining American troops will stay in Korea."

(American officials have indicated the 8,000 United States troops now in Korea will be withdrawn by late summer). The President also asked "in the case of attack by an outside power, would the Republic of South Korea be able to count upon all-out American military aid?"

The South Korean leader's statement and pointed questions came only 24 hours after the government reported it had repulsed successive attacks by North Korean forces across the 38th Parallel, 50 miles North of Seoul.

Dr. Rhee said "We do not propose to fight the North Korean or their foreign overlord (Russia). We will continue our efforts to unify North and South Korea by peaceful means."

"At the same time we are responsible for the protection of the lives and property of our people and when Communists constantly cross the 38th Parallel, to destroy us we cannot sit still and allow them to harm us without resistance. We will try to make their invasion of the South costly to them."

Fifth Columnists
He said potential Communist fifth columnists in South Korea had been greatly strengthened and encouraged by the American efforts to deal with them on a basis of compromise. He said "Compromise with aggressors means ultimate surrender without a chance to resist which we cannot and will not do."

Dr. Rhee said that at the time of Japan's defeat there were no Communists in Korea. "They were invited in by the division of our country across the middle in accordance with the United States-Soviet agreement."

"We were asked to trust the United States to solve our problems and wait until a Russian-American agreement should somehow be reached. Now the United States asks us if we are ready and willing for all American troops to be withdrawn. What we want to know is what is to be done to protect us from the Communist Communist menace?"

U. S. Ambassador John J. Muccio told newsmen as far as he knew the United States has never made a mutual defence pact with any one nation since Thomas Jefferson's time.

Ambassador Muccio said that Rhee had not asked him to discuss in defence pact. He added that he believed current Korean border clashes were not intended as an aggressive move by either side.—Associated Press and United Press.

Some Government bureaux even charge Hong Kong with being a Communist base. "This is an outrage. Canton just becomes a foreign colony judging by the way Hong Kong currency is used here. They even charged me in Hong Kong money for a haircut."—Associated Press.

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The Weather

At 0600 GMT (3 p.m. HKST) a weak anticyclone now covers China, and a ridge of moderate high pressure extends from it to the Pacific E of the Bonins. A small tropical depression has developed over the China Sea, and is now centred about 200 miles E of the Taiwan strait. A deep depression is almost stationary to the N of Hokkaido. Today's Forecast—Moderate W winds, cloudy with rain at intervals. Tomorrow's Forecast—Winds improving. Sunshine 7.5 hours. Rainfall 1.1 in. Total since Jan. 1—50.6 in. 11.2 in. as against an average of 34.8 in. 11.74 in. Readings at 10 a.m. 101.1 101.6 m.b. Date, at m.a. 101.1 101.6 m.b. Day Humidity 50.8 50.8 % Wind Point 71 51 % Wind Force 18 17 mph. Wind Direction 10 100° High 30.0 30.0 in. Low 29.4 29.4 in. Low 29.4 29.4 in.

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1. To receive and consider the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet and the Report of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
2. To declare a dividend.
3. To elect Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration.
5. To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be closed from the 10th May, 1949 to the 19th May, 1949, both days inclusive.

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Banker Among Those Registered For SC

Mr. Arthur Morse, Chief Manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and Mr. W. Gordon Harmon, Hong Kong Government Public Relations Officer, are among the Europeans who have registered for service in the Special Constabulary.

Total registrations for service in the Special Constabulary by yesterday amounted to 950.

There are 900 Chinese, 30 European and 20 other nationalities including Portuguese, Indians and Koreans. It was learned yesterday that a number of employees in the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation have registered for service in the Special Constabulary.

Attestations of those who have been screened and approved have not yet been carried out. Registrations for service in the Defence Force totalled 2,116 yesterday.

They included 246 in the Naval Force, 700 in the Regiment, 218 in the Air Force, 111 in the Home Guard, 137 in the Women's Voluntary Service, and 614 in the Essential Service. Some 30 of those who registered were attested. Ninety others will be attested. The HKDF plans to carry out 50 attestations this week.

This week's medical examination and attestation will take place on Wednesday. Regulations governing the Headquarters of the Hong Kong Defence Force, made by the Commandant of the HKDF, were published in a Supplement to the Government Gazette yesterday.

The Supplement included Regulations made by the General Officer Commanding, Land Forces, Hong Kong, governing the Defence Force's Regiment.

The Regiment will be composed of a Regimental Headquarters, an Infantry Battalion, a Squadron of armoured cars, an anti-aircraft battery, an Engineer detachment, a Signals detachment, a supply and transport detachment, a medical detachment, and an electrical and mechanical engineer detachment. Regulations made by the Air Officer Commanding, Royal Air Force, were also included in the Supplement. The Regulations said that the Air Force of the Defence Force will be composed of an Air Force Headquarters, a Fighter Control Unit and a Flying Unit. Schedules governing uniforms were included.

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GIVEN BENEFIT OF DOUBT

Lai Tim, aged 33, a clerk in the Government Dental Clinic, Suiyinggun District, was given the benefit of the doubt by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday and was discharged after a successful submission by his counsel, Mr. Alfred Y. Hon.

Lai was charged with obtaining money by false pretences.

It was alleged that Lai collected \$40 from one Yeung Shui-lam, as part payment of a dental bill, which he had no authority to collect, and that he converted it to his own use.

Detective Sub-Inspector V. Morrison of the Anti-Corruption Section prosecuted.

FINED \$500

Fung Mo-ying, managing director of Li and Fung Company, Limited, and the Company, who were cautioned by Mr. Hin-shing Lo on Friday at Central for possession of firecrackers on which false trade marks were applied, were also fined \$500.

Money Market.

U.S. dollars stood at HK\$0.18 yesterday, and it would seem that, for the present, value has been more or less pegged at this level.

Reports that control on taking of Sterling notes out of the Colony are now less strict, has resulted in a steady rise in price of late, and yesterday it made a further five-cent climb to HK\$16.60.

Australian notes of large denomination were bought at HK\$13.70 to a Pound, but small denomination notes fetched only \$13.30.

Pistons opened at HK\$11.30 a 100 yesterday and closed at \$11.35 after an interval at \$11.40.

Ticks made a 30-cent climb to HK\$24.90 a 100.

NEI Guilders were slightly easier at HK\$4.90 a 100.

Soldier Fined For Misbehaviour

Pleading guilty to two counts of behaving in a disorderly manner, F. S. Monaghan, aged 24, attached to the 25th Field Regiment, RA, of Gun Club Hill, was fined \$30 or 10 days by Mr. Hin-shing Lo yesterday.

The prosecution stated that on Saturday morning, Sub-Inspector Goodman and Chief Inspector Madnes heard police whistles blowing at No. 78 Hennessy Road. They found defendant in the stairway.

Defendant was taken to Eastern Charge Room where he kept using profane language for more than an hour.

Lieutenant A. Baxter, of the Royal Artillery, told the Court that defendant had a very good record.

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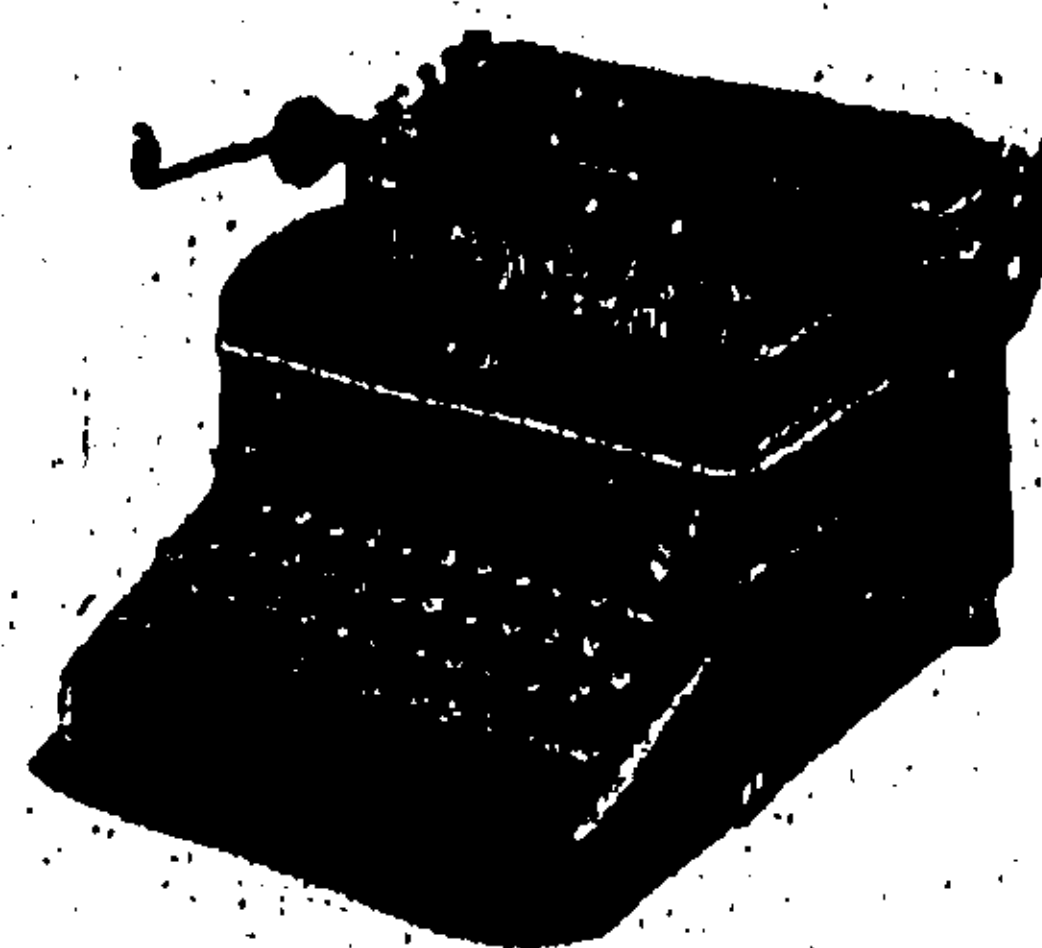
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ISRAEL BACKED AS UN MEMBER

Lake Success, May 7.

Seven countries formally moved yesterday that Israel be admitted to the United Nations now.

They put before the Assembly's special Political Committee a joint resolution which calls the nation a peace-loving state qualified to become the 59th member.

The sponsors are the U.S., Australia, Canada, Guatemala, Haiti, Panama and Uruguay. Israel's application has been deferred pending the Committee's decision on the questions raised principally by the Arabs, Scandinavians and Latin-Americans on three issues.

1. The representation of Arabs by the Arab-Jewish fighting force.
2. The assassination of Count Folke Bernadotte and.
3. The United Nations' plan to internationalize Jerusalem.

The morning session of the Committee was devoted to a detailed questioning of the Israeli representative, Aubrey S. Eban, by the Arab delegates.

Egypt Accuses

The Egyptian Foreign Minister, Amr I. Mohamed, Khachaba, accused Mr. Eban of abusing the time and patience of the Committee.

"We get only evasive answers which make a deliberate attempt at obstruction," he declared.

Apparently angered by Mr. Eban's repeated reference to Arab military action against the implementation of the Assembly's partition plan of November 1947, Mr. Khachaba said Mr. Eban's statements did not prepare a fair, accurate picture of the situation.

He said: "There can be no parallel between the acts of the Arabs and the Jews," adding that Arab nations were provoked by aggression.

An alarming situation has arisen in the Middle East and it is time the delegates realized it, Mr. Khachaba said. He asserted: "The time is past for piecemeal solutions. We are now considering the application of Israel, but how can we divorce that from the whole problem?"

"Serious Blow"

He asked how Israel could be called a peace-loving state in view of the established trend.

"Israel has adopted a policy of obstruction with regard to the resolutions of the General Assembly," the Egyptian said, adding that Israel was trying to impose her own conditions on the United Nations. He said: "If Israel is accepted now it would deal a serious blow at the dignity of the United Nations."

The Scandinavian delegations held a meeting to discuss the position they will take on the admission of Israel.

Norway disclosed that she will vote for admittance as she did in

the Security Council in December, Denmark and Sweden, however, plan to abstain on the ground that Israel has still not taken satisfactory measures to end the assassinations of Count Folke Bernadotte.—Associated Press.

BRITISH MINERS' STRIKE

Manchester, May 7.

The number of workers idle in Britain's State-owned coal mines rose to 25,000 yesterday. The strike began a week ago when 260 miners refused to work because the National Coal Board rejected their demands for free coal for their families. The stoppage spread quickly across the Lancashire and Cumberland coalfields.

Some pits closed in sympathy with the others because non-Union maintenance men were used in the pits closed by strikes. Sources close to field authorities said the strike is reducing the nation's coal production by about 50,000 tons a week. The total output by Britain's 725,000 miners has been averaging well over 4,000,000 tons a week of which 3,500,000 tons are used at home, the rest exported.

Mr. Edwin Hall, Miners' Union Secretary of Lancashire, told a strike meeting last night that he has no doubt that the strike will spread.—Associated Press.

Princess Margaret In Rome

Rome, May 8.

Princess Margaret arrived in Rome this afternoon.

She had travelled from Sorrento to a resort on the Bay of Naples, by car, in the company of Major Harvey and Lady Harvey.

A crowd of 10,000 people watched in silence as the Princess arrived at the Piazza di Siena to see the British jumping team at the Rome International Horse Show.

But as an Italian horseman completed a faultless round the crowd burst into thunderous cheers for both the Princess and the rider.

The Princess was wearing a close-fitting white straw hat trimmed with flowers and a white veil. She looked fresh and fit after her 260 kilometre drive from Sorrento.

She was met by the Italian President, Signor Luigi Einaudi.—Reuter.

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The two speakers will also display some favourite Russian dishes. Mrs. Muckle, recently from Shanghai, is known for her knowledge of Russian cookery. She will demonstrate the making of Bortsch, Beef a la Stragoff and Shashlik.

Mrs. Frique, a Hong Kong resident for several years, is familiar with local markets. She is also an excellent cook. She will answer questions on how and where to get the materials needed for Mrs. Muckle's recipes.

Samples and typed instructions will be available to those who attend.

On May 18, Mrs. Arthur Chase will give a demonstration on salads and cold sweets.

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12.15 p.m.—Prayer, Rev. J. E. O'Neill, M.A., D.D.

12.30 p.m.—Organ Interlude.

12.45 p.m.—Chorus Organ and Choir.

1.00 p.m.—"Time for Music" (BBC).

1.15 p.m.—Midland Light Orchestra conducted by Gilbert Winter (BBC).

1.30 p.m.—Sports Results.

1.45 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

2.00 p.m.—Light Variety with Benny Goodman and His Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Music from the Films.

2.30 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

2.45 p.m.—Interlude.

3.00 p.m.—A Popular Concert.

3.15 p.m.—Close Down.

3.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

3.45 p.m.—Monty and His Orchestra.

4.00 p.m.—"Hand Call" BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Rex Jenkins with David Davis. (BBC).

4.15 p.m.—Music from Latin America.

4.30 p.m.—Weekly News-Letter, (London Relay).

4.45 p.m.—"Looking Ahead" A Review of the Week's Programmes. (Studio).

5.00 p.m.—London Studio Concert. Westminster Orchestra conducted by Donald Weight. (BBC).

5.15 p.m.—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay).

5.30 p.m.—"Ten Songs for You" Sung by Maurice Keary. (BBC).

5.45 p.m.—"The Old Wise" Tale by Arnold Bennett. Adapted for broadcast by Mark Levy. (BBC).

6.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay).

6.15 p.m.—Interlude.

6.30 p.m.—"Take It from Here" (London Relay).

6.45 p.m.—Symphony Concert. Mozart's Symphony in G Minor, K 550.

7.00 p.m.—BBC Symphony Orchestra conducted by Arturo Toscanini. Brannan.

7.15 p.m.—Concerto No. 1 in D Minor, Op. 15, by Wilhelm Beethoven (Piano) and BBC Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.

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7.45 p.m.—Eulogies Conducted by the Rev. G.M. Stevenson. (Studio).

7.55 p.m.—Weather Report.

8.00 p.m.—Summary of News from China.

8.15 p.m.—Close Down.

Afghanistan Accused

Karachi, May 7.

An official of the Pakistan Government yesterday accused Afghanistan of expansionist designs towards Pakistan. He added: "As early as June, 1947, when Pakistan was in the process of coming into existence, the Afghanistan Government laid claim to all territories situated East of the Durand line stretching as far as the River Jhelum in the Punjab."

The official reiterated: "The people of Pakistan have nothing but feelings of friendship and brotherhood towards the people of Afghanistan."—Associated Press.

Inquiry On Analgesia

London, May 6.

Sir William Gilliat, the doctor who assisted Princess Elizabeth at the birth of her baby, is to preside over a Committee set up to inquire into a "painless birth" analgesia method suitable for use by midwives.

The Committee has been set up by the Medical Research Council, and its term of reference will include a study of modified methods of administering existing analgesic agents, as well as the initiation of further research for new agents.

The Ministry of Health said that investigations must inevitably take a considerable time before a final decision can be made on new methods which midwives can safely use.

Sir William Gilliat, who was knighted last year, is President of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.—Reuter.

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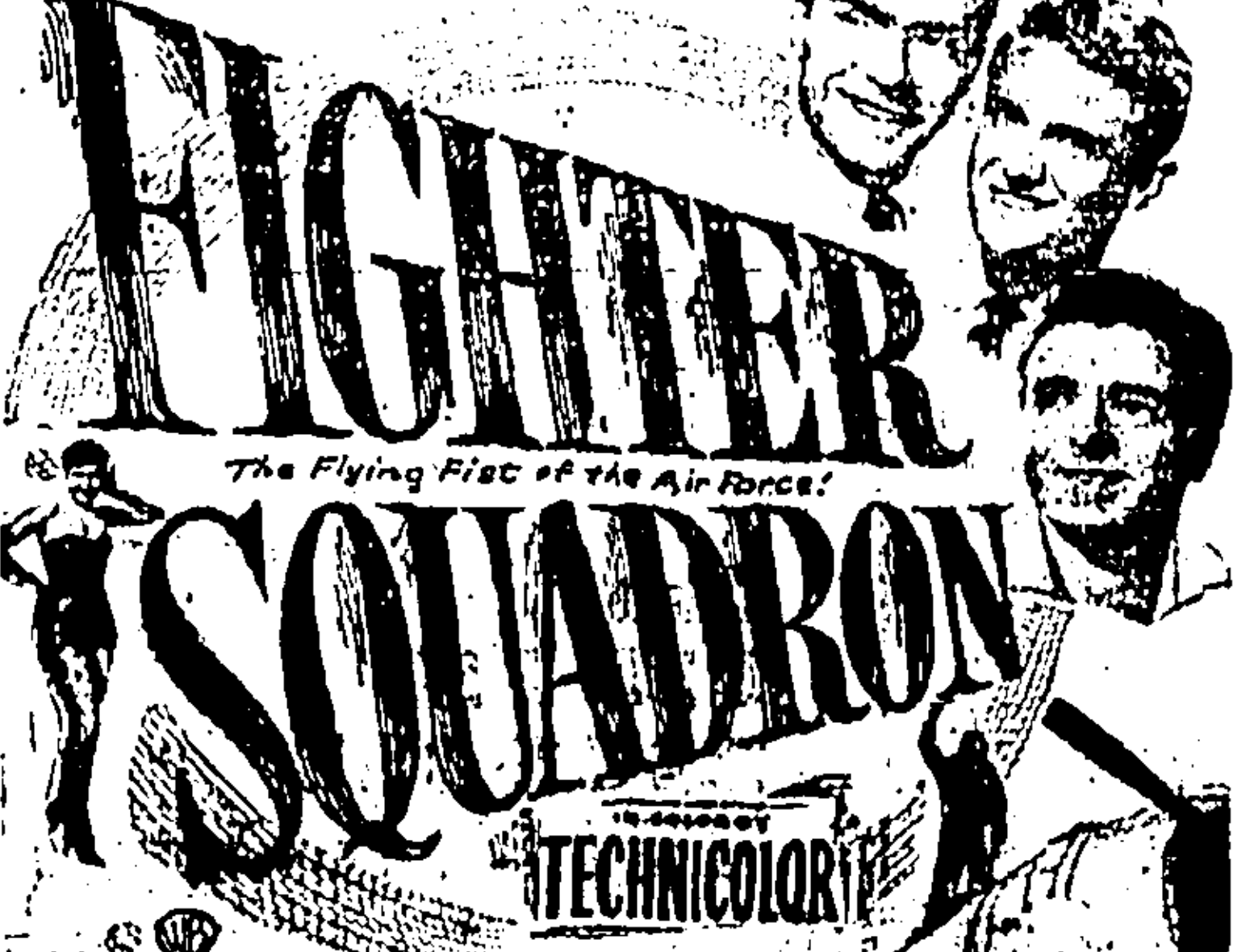
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Patrick Campbell's Piece

I went out for dinner the other evening, and came home fairly early, with a life-size torso, in tank, of Napoleon Bonaparte. Even without his legs Napoleon weighed near nine stone.

It was collector's passion that did it. I was thinking of our new house in the country. Not that we've got it yet, in spite of being offered a gentleman's timbered residence near Virginia Water with five acres, seven bedrooms, and tiled offices, £12,700 for quick sale, but at least I know what the inside of our house is going to look like. Everything very old and very good, picked up for a song from dealers too inquisitive to realise its true value.

I was making for the Renaissance Club in South Kensington, and had the pleasure of running into the proprietor outside the door. A Mr. Flanagan, at least that's right. It couldn't possibly be Flanagan.

Talking to Mr. McNeill yesterday. "McNeill? McNeill? McNeill? MacNeale? I hear it up and make anonymous.

Let's get back to Bonaparte. I've even seen that come out as Buonaparte. Oh, get on! I was making for the Renaissance Club in South Kensington. I think I'll just take a tiny peep at the telephone book. I thought not only one "n."



We examined a couple of pewter tankards, a set of wine glasses, and a model yacht, period 1946. It's extraordinary the way that model yacht got into old curiosity shops. I can see anyone going into an old curiosity shop with the intention of buying a pre-Christian, Caucasian nose-

flute, and coming out with a tiny little cutter, painted green, to shink up the other boys on the Round Pond.

What are we doing in the Round Pond? I'm all at sixes and sevens. But it was the awful thing that happened! Let me see. Mr. Flanagan was just showing me a coal-box stuffed with Georgian silver or something, when I saw it standing in the corner. A life-size torso, in tank, of Napoleon Bonaparte, wearing a cocked hat, and a fine display of wooden medals.

"Here," I said, abruptly, "how much is that?" Mr. Flanagan seemed surprised. "That?" he said. "A fiver. It cost me three pounds."

He picked off a label marked £10 15s. "Can I think about it?" I said. We went upstairs to the club. Jolly conversation, a couple of drinks, the piano playing. But I couldn't get Napoleon out of my mind.

I walked straight up to Mr. Flanagan. "I'll take Napoleon now," I said, and wrote him out a cheque. It was like jumping in off the high board, holding the nose. I knocked over a couple of tulip vases getting Napoleon out of the shop. Napoleon weighed a ton. I was glad to put him down on the pavement outside.

I waited for a taxi. Several people came by. They just looked at Napoleon, sitting on the pavement under the lamp-light, and passed on. I suppose they thought it was only a dwarf friend of mine, wearing a cocked hat.

The taxi-driver was more definite about it. "You put Charlie in the back," he said. "I've trouble enough up 'ere in front." When I opened my door, carrying Napoleon, my eyebrows bulging, I said, very quickly: "This is Napoleon Bonaparte. He's my best friend. I'll clean him up and we'll put him in the alcove on the stairs."

She took a step back. "Yes," she said. "I see what you mean. It's very—interesting."

We put Napoleon on an occasional table in the window. The legs of the table buckled a bit, but they looked as if they would hold. "I'll polish him tomorrow," I said. "I'll bring up the grain of the wood."

I got up in the middle of the night. I felt uneasy. I went into the sitting-room. Napoleon was there in his corner—weathered, grey, just sitting, and very big. He certainly did seem to be on the large side for a flat. Also, I thought that the carver might perhaps have carved in just the hint of a smile.

Next morning I found that Napoleon was flecked with blotches of hard, green paint, one of them under his nose. I scraped off some of the paint with a razor-blade. It slipped, and I nicked Napoleon in the nostril.

"Before I knew it, I'd said 'Sorry!' I put away the razor-blade and tried to read. Imagine apologising to a piece of wood!

A couple of minutes later I took out my fountain-pen and inked in the pupils of Napoleon's eyes. It would be better, I thought, if they were fixed. I had a suspicion that my best friend's eyes were following me around.

After lunch I washed him down with turpentine. It took away that rather grey, dead look. It made him almost human—warm, friendly, a comfortable old thing to have around the house.

We sat for the rest of the afternoon trying not to meet the look in Napoleon's blue-black eye. To tell the truth, I think we were worrying about being on the wrong side at Waterloo.

A seven o'clock knock. "Well, perhaps he is a little large," I said. On a sudden impulse I found the measuring tape. I measured Napoleon's chest. Forty inches. I measured Napoleon's neck. Seventeen. The figures had a familiar ring.

"Gosh!" I cried. "He's exactly the same as me!"

He was as across the shoulders. Down the nose. Across the cheek. I rushed out into the hall and put my hat on, sideways. She held up the bedroom mirror. Identical doubles! Napoleon and I were identical doubles, except that he was tank and I was steak, and Napoleon was wearing his medals!

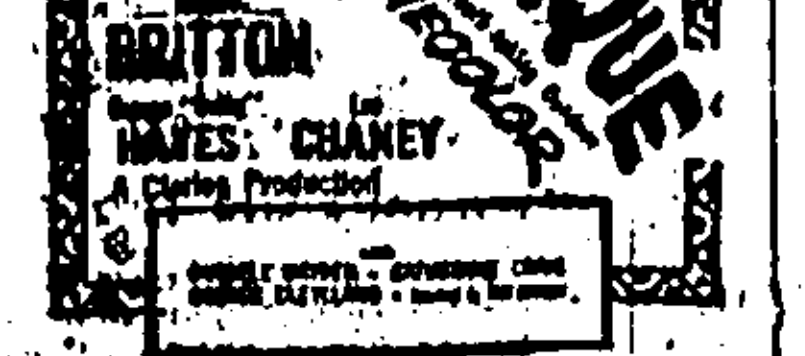
Half an hour later Napoleon was back in the Renaissance Club. In the cloakroom. The curiosity shop was shut.

"Be good enough," I said, "to remain there until called for."

The Emperor, very slowly and scornfully, raised one corner of his rigid upper lip.



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What the CHINESE PRESS is saying

Wah Kiu Yat Po. Statements by Mr. Attlee and Mr. Williams regarding the Yangtze River incident reflect the non-interference China policy of Britain.

In the last 50 years, Britain and Japan were the two leading influences on China. However, since the end of the war, Japan has lost her position as the leading nation in the Far East and Britain has been engaged in reconstruction and rehabilitation.

The real influences behind the China scene are the United States of America and Soviet Russia although both the Kuomintang government and the Chinese Communists may deny it.

Generally, Britain's post-war diplomatic policy is in line with that of the United States. Her Far Eastern policy, especially regarding China, however, differs from that of the United States obviously because of her colonies scattered in South East Asia.

Therefore, in her present weakened position, Britain has no alternative but to maintain a non-interference policy as regards China.

Hong Kong is a British outpost in the Far East. In the past there was no question of Britain being strong enough to hold Hong Kong. Today, however, there is some doubt.

From Mr. Attlee's statement in the House of Commons recently it is plain that Britain wants to preserve a neutral position. Through pursuing such a policy Britain hopes to maintain control over Hong Kong indefinitely.

As far as foreign investments in China are concerned, Britain holds first place. Therefore, she naturally would not withdraw and discard all her investments.

As she is not in a position to participate actively in China's civil war as the United States and Soviet Russia are doing, it is obviously advisable for her to remain aloof to be in an advantageous position to protect her vast interests in China.

The lack of further action on the part of Britain following the shelling of British warships in the Yangtze River is understandable in the diplomatic relations between China and Britain.

From this we gain an insight into the China policy of Britain.

Britain's Attitude

New Life Evening Post: The attitude of the Chinese Communists towards Britain is a matter of interest as a result of the attack on Amoy. It may be said that the attitude of the Chinese Communists towards Britain is known all over the world. But what is the attitude of Britain towards the Chinese Communists?

The Communist trouble will not end in Malaya and Burma

Britain, since the Labour Party has been in power, has adopted a pro-American foreign policy—but not against Soviet Russia. She advocates Socialism but is not against Communism. This policy has met with no success.

We may even say that it is a failure. This is obvious, as socialistic Britain continues within the province of capitalism and, from the Soviet and the Communist point of view, Britain is breathing the same air as that of the U.S.A.

Take Hong Kong as an example. The local British firms have been actively working for development of trade and commerce with North China since the Communists occupied Tientsin. Commercial contacts, it is hoped, might improve relations between Britain and the Communists. Trade with China, was at its height when the attack on Amoy occurred.

If Britain wishes to win the friendship of the Chinese Communists, she must quit the Far East. In Burma and Malaya, there have been direct clashes between the Chinese Communists. Therefore, it is impossible to secure any local understanding with the Communists.

This is exactly what Britain has to do, if she ever wishes to win the friendship of Soviet Russia. She has to part with the U.S.A. and join in the company of the Eastern European states.

"The modern struggle is fundamentally an ideological clash and neutrality cannot exist in such clashes."

Hong Kong's Position

Kung Sheung Man Po: The Hong Kong question has been recently dealt with, recently when North China was in disorder. A foreign commentator has suggested that Hong Kong should maintain its neutral position. Obviously, this is a short-sighted view. In fact, there can be no neutrality in international affairs today.

Either one has to be on the side of the iron curtain or remain in the democratic camp. Supporting the U.S.A. is at war with the Soviet Union, can Britain maintain her neutrality?

Hong Kong is closely related with China. Undoubtedly, it is linked up with the China question, which is one of the international questions. As long as Britain is involved in international questions, Britain cannot free herself from the China question.

Those who suggested that Hong Kong should remain neutral are ignorant of the international situation.

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Nationalist Defence

Lo Kung Pao: Recent developments clearly show that it is impossible for the Kuomintang to convert Canton into a political, economic and military centre of their regime. Chiang Kai-shek has already flown to Taiwan, and Li Tsung-shan despite repeated promises, continues to linger in Kwangtung.

Generals like Hsueh Yuch are haughty warlords who have no desire to take orders from others. They want to lead, not to be led. Their standing and their influence, however, will naturally suffer in the absence of people like Chiang Kai-shek from the Province.

The defence of Kwangtung is being further weakened by desertion of Kuomintang troops.

The swift advance of the Liberation Army is beyond the Kuomintang's calculation. Chiang cannot even make a stand along the Chekiang-Kiangsi railway line. If Pao Ching-hsi's army in Central China does not surrender, the most he will be able to do is to withdraw his army into Kwangsi.

In Changsha, rumours of regional peace are reported. Should Hankow and Changsha fall, Shoukwan will be menaced, as soon as the Liberation Army marches South. The People's Forces, scattered throughout the East River district, South Kwangtung and Hainan Island, will time their operations with it.

Leaving out political and economic factors and judging by the existing military situation alone, the Kuomintang's days are numbered. In the meantime, however, the haughty Kuomintang warlords and political cliques, like the CC Clique, which subsist on the Party will continue to agitate opposition.

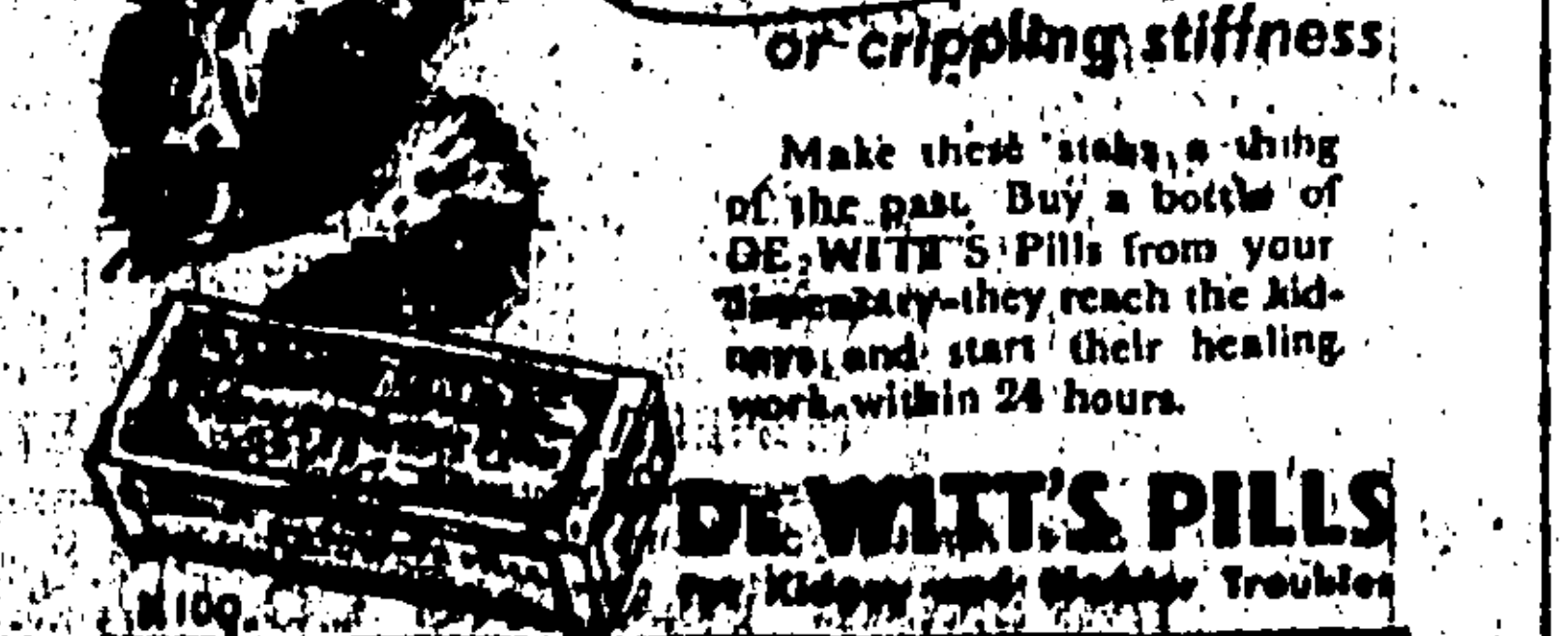
Financially, politically and economically, the province is in a chaotic state. Merchants cannot carry on business and the people, including teachers and students, are deprived of the means of livelihood.

This chaos is affecting the livelihood of every individual, but the people of Kwangtung should remember that, this will not last very long. They should help remove what should be removed and prepare to welcome what deserves to be welcomed.

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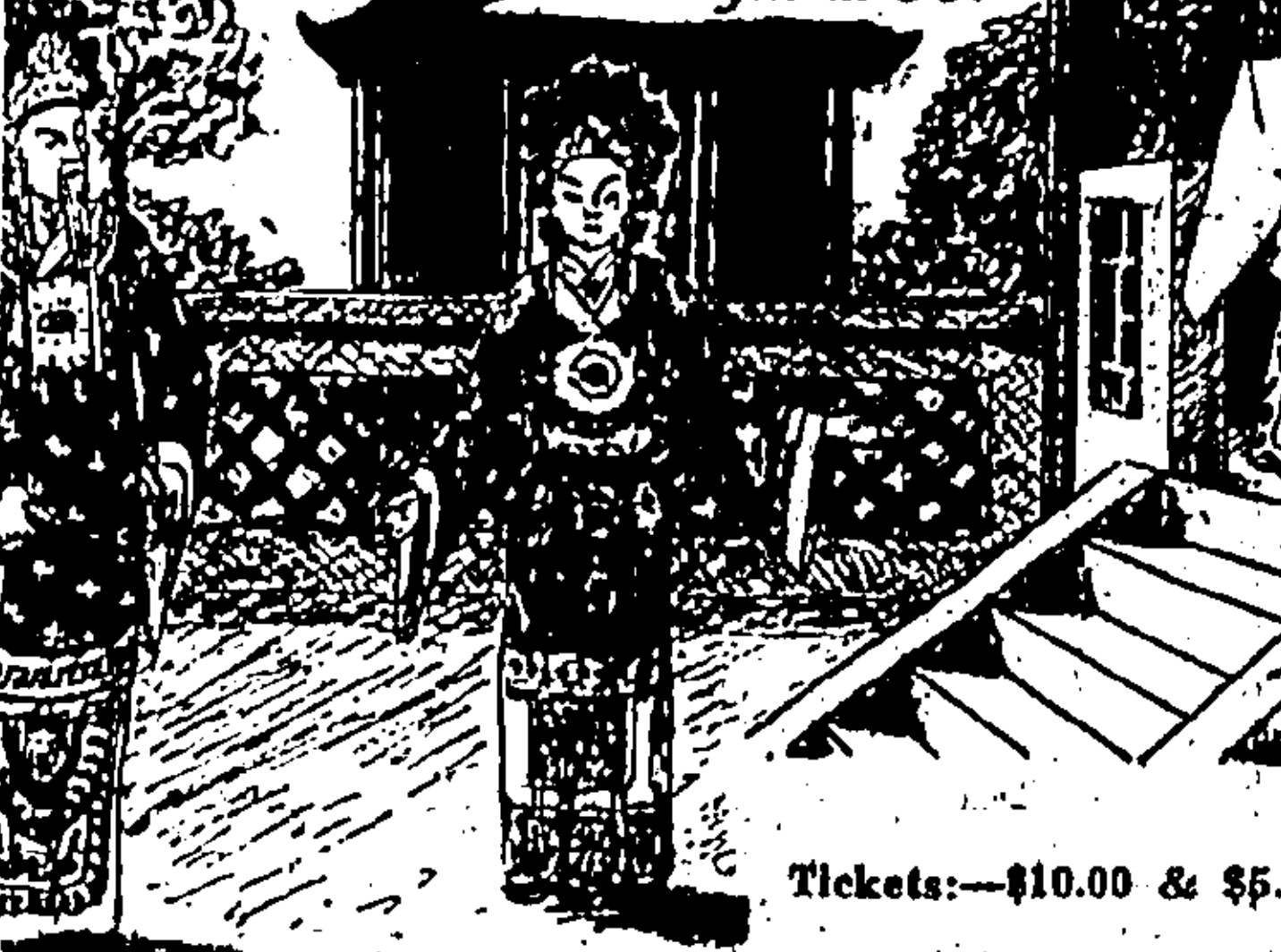
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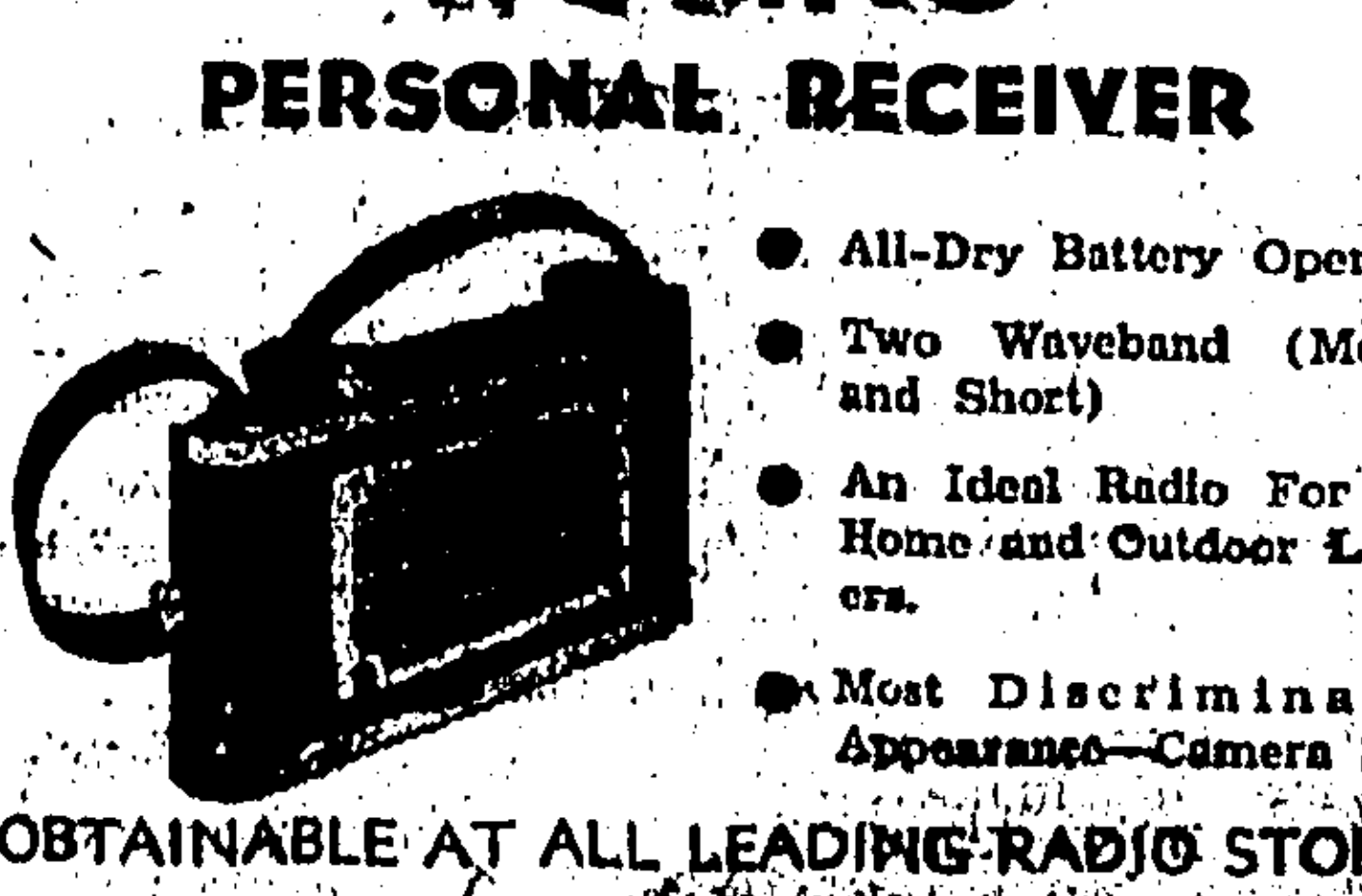
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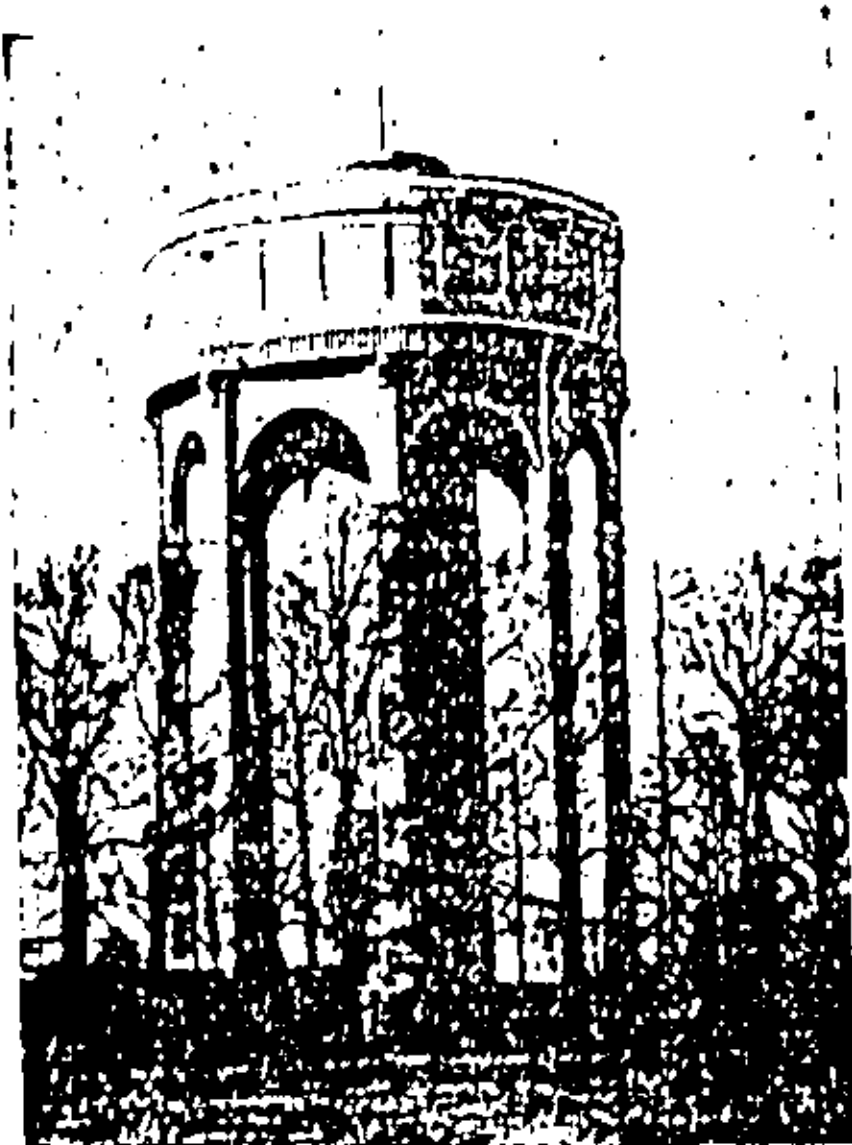
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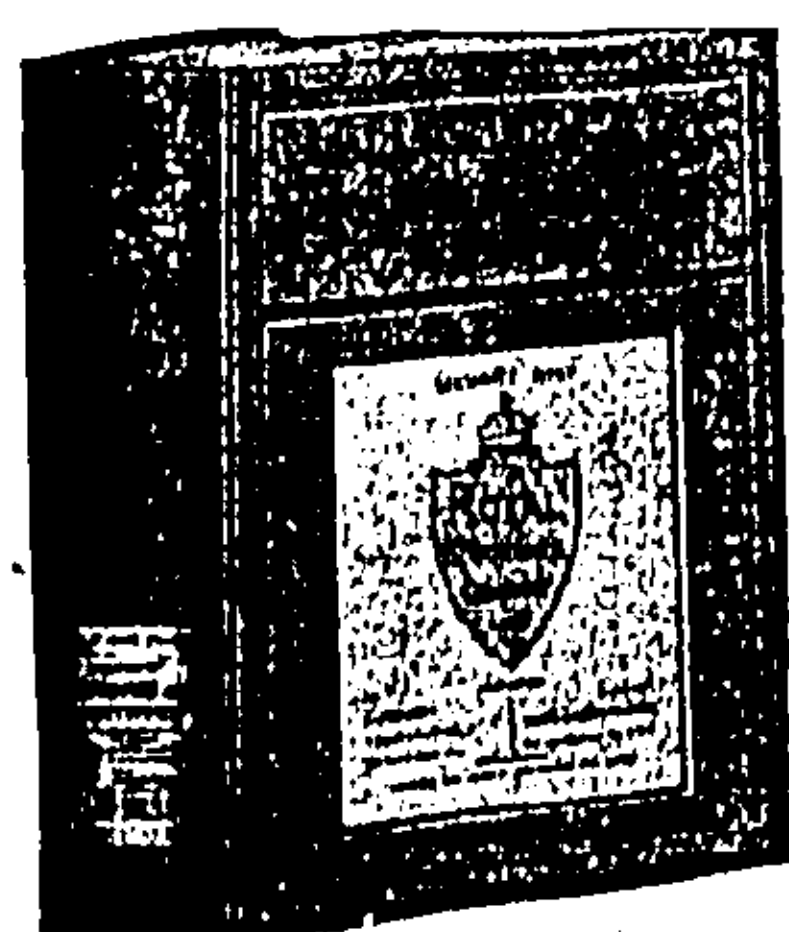
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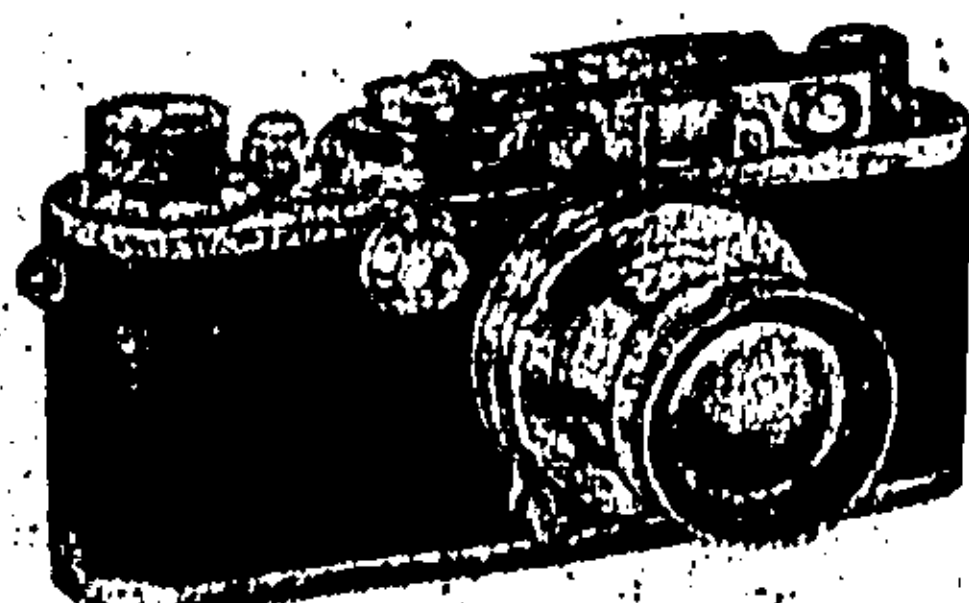
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RACIAL RELATIONS DEBATED IN HOUSE

London, May 6:

Mr. Thomas Driberg, Labour Member of Parliament, initiating a House of Commons debate on the Commonwealth and racial relations today, said the attitude known as "white supremacy" is a myth.

The debate was on a motion for adjournment—when normal Parliamentary business has finished for the day and when any private Member may start a short debate.

Mr. Driberg said that the recent success of the Commonwealth Conference proved that there is a real potency in the idea and practice of treating peoples as equals and partners.

The idea of supremacy is clearly contrary to not only to Christianity but to everything which anybody can possibly mean by democracy, he said. "I believe we in Britain have the opportunity and experience to contribute to a worldwide solution to this problem by our example and leadership and by our action in the colonial empire," he said.

He suggested that the British representatives at the United Nations should completely side with those nations which condemn segregation. "The more enlightened businessmen themselves in South Africa are beginning to realise that it is impossible, in the 20th Century, to build up a prosperous society based on the domination of one race over another."

Saying that South Africa might shortly approach Britain for a loan, Mr. Driberg said: "If that is so, while we have no right whatever to interfere in the domestic arrangements of the Union, we have the right in the United Nations, especially if South Africa asks for a loan, to give our views."

"We can indicate our sympathy with the minority liberal opinion in South Africa," he said. "The time may come when we shall have to consider whether the defence by a member of the Commonwealth of the club's basic rules might not necessitate expulsion," he added.

Shocking Effect

Mr. Reginald Sorensen, Labour, referred to an "indignant correspondent" in South Africa who wrote to a South African paper, declaring that a photograph published of Mr. Nehru and Dr. Malan sitting side by side, while in Britain, "must be a lie, because Dr. Malan would never tolerate association with an Indian."

"Think of the shocking effect of that letter and the mentality it represents on the millions of human beings whom we want to remain inside the Commonwealth," Mr. Sorensen commented.

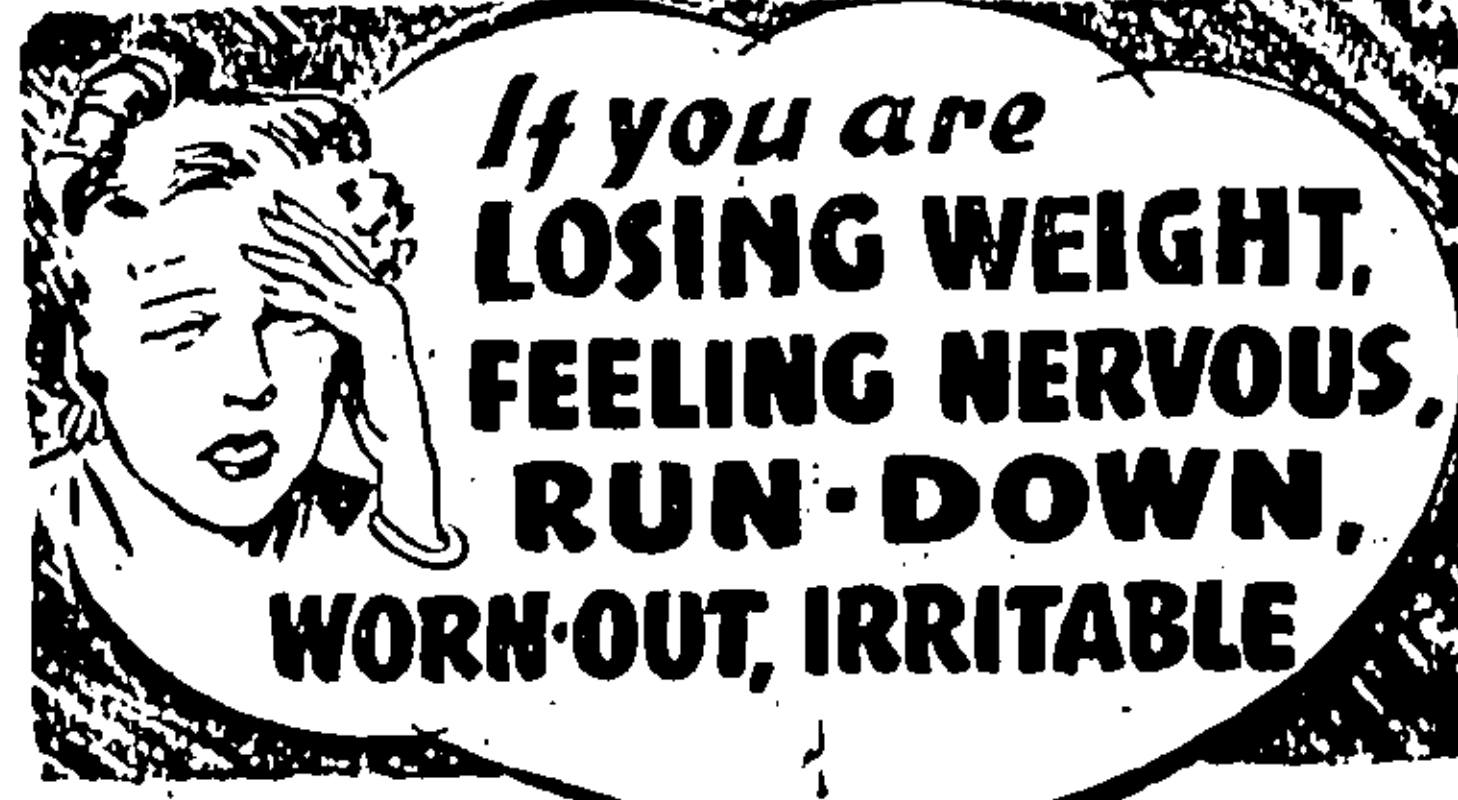
"Think of the effect it might have on our Indian brothers and sisters and on the people in our African colonies."

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Senators' Queries On U.S. Policy In China

Washington, May 6.

The Senate Appropriations Sub-Committee laid the groundwork today for a full-dress investigation of American policy toward China.

At the same time, Senator Styles Bridges said the Committee has information that the White House blocked an Army plan to send captured German arms and ammunition to Nationalist China after the European war.

Preparations for exploring China policy were made by Senator Bridges and the sub-committee chairman, Senator Pat McCarran, while the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, sat before them at the witness table. Few questions were put to him, but he was notified that he would be asked to return.

Senator Bridges asked the Assistant Secretary, Mr. John Peurifoy, to supply names of personnel in the Far Eastern division since 1930 and of those dealing with Germany since 1943. He specifically named John Service and John Acheson, and asked for their records.

Senator McCarran asked for the records of Walton Butterworth, chief of Far Eastern affairs, and his predecessor, John Carter Vincent, now U.S. Minister to Switzerland.

Senator Bridges told reporters he wants the Appropriations Sub-Committee to investigate China policy because "everybody else has dodged looking into it." He said he had to call some State Department officials familiar with development of China policy leading to the present "fragile situation" and then he would recall Mr. Acheson to ask what would be done in future. He also wanted the facts on the dismantling of German industries, he said.

Those Responsible

The Senator added that he would try to get loyalty investigation records, but admitted that he does not expect the administration to release them.

Senator McCarran questioned the wisdom of the State Department in proposed expenditures for an Embassy "If Communism takes over in China, it will in short time take over Japan, and Korea will be absorbed."

Mr. Peurifoy replied that the country has not yet been taken over, although there has been some infiltration, and added: "I believe it would help to encourage resistance to have the United States flag flying over the Embassy."

Senator Bridges asked Mr. Acheson for a list of State Department personnel in the Chinese and German divisions since 1930, "so we can see who has been responsible for the tragedy in China and the stupidity in Germany."

Mr. Acheson told Senator Bridges he is not familiar with the War Department's proposed plan to send German arms to China.

Arms Stopped

Senator Bridges then asked Mr. Acheson to look into and verify whether a White House assistant named Edwin Locke had countermanded the order even after some equipment was en route to China. Mr. Acheson agreed to furnish the information to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Masterpieces Found On Farm

Munich, May 6.

The United States forces have discovered 16 paintings, including authentic works by Cezanne, Renoir and Corot, believed to have been looted from occupied France by Nazis, at a farm house about 100 miles from Munich.

Colonel Wilhelm Brendel, who headed a Wehrmacht "Art Collecting Group," is responsible for the theft. He died in an American Zone prisoner of war camp in 1945 without disclosing the location of the cache, which is estimated by Military Government art experts to be worth more than £50,000.—Reuter.

Foreign Ministers See Bevin

London, May 6.

Count Carlo Sforza, the Italian Foreign Minister, today visited the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin.

Count Sforza, who has been in London for the signing of the Council of Europe Statute, said yesterday that he would have a general talk with Mr. Bevin and that the subject of the former Italian colonies would probably be discussed.

He is due to leave for Italy by train tomorrow.

The Turkish Foreign Minister, who is passing through London on his way home from the United Nations General Assembly in New York, also called on Mr. Bevin at the Foreign Office.

He was to have left London by air for Istanbul today but his journey has been postponed until tomorrow because of flying conditions.—Reuter.

between the people of Africa and Asia, on one hand, and the people of European origin, on the other.

"There is a new nationalism in Asia which it is vital we should respect and understand, and there is a new demand in Africa for social and political progress," he declared.

"If the great problem of the next half century is the risk of a conflict between East and West, it is not of supreme importance that in the recent Commonwealth meeting in London three Prime Ministers from the East sat down with five Prime Ministers of European origin?" he asked.

"Here East and West met together to discuss a problem which, by common agreement, involved important difficulties. The problem was solved by unanimous agreement. These are not words and aspirations. This is hard practical work."

"In the Commonwealth there lies our best hope that the peoples of different races will be able to work together and that the danger of racial conflict can be avoided. This co-operation has just begun and I hope nothing will be done to imperil its success."—Reuter.

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The crew members of a submarine operating in the area saw the plane disintegrate in the air and later recovered two bodies from the sea.

Naval ships, a naval helicopter and two Royal Air Force Lancaster planes searched for survivors. The plane was piloted by Mr. J. A. C. Northway, assistant chief test pilot of the Bristol Aircraft Company.

One of the other six engineers on board was Mr. John Radcliffe, aged 47, head of the company's Test Department, which was set up to organise the flight testing of the giant airliner Brabazon.—Reuter.

ATLANTIC PACT IN COMMONS

London, May 7.

The House of Commons will be asked to approve the Atlantic Pact next Thursday, Mr. Herbert Morrison, leader of the House, announced today.

There will be a debate on a Government motion asking for approval.—Reuter.

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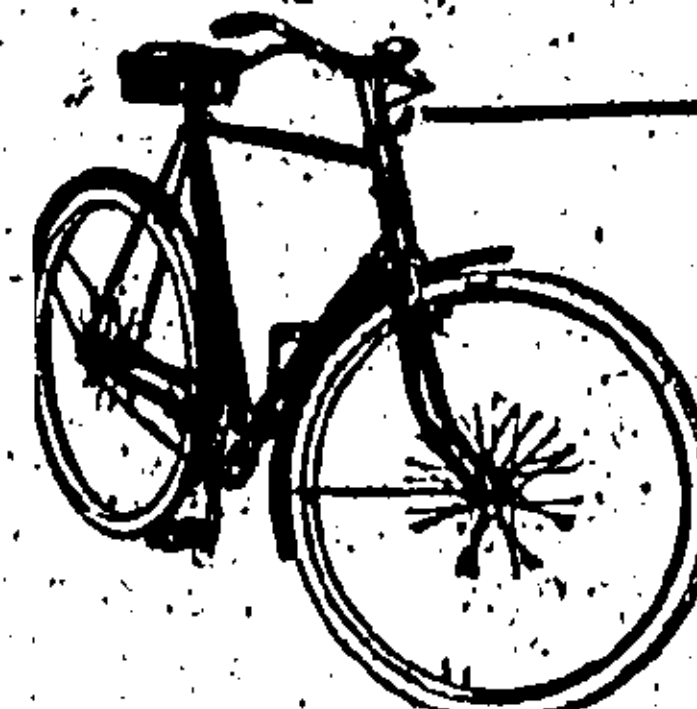
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Parliament "On The Air"

Thirteen years ago a new Labour Government in New Zealand started the Parliamentary world by putting Parliament "on the air."

This was a purely Ministerial decision. Parliament was not consulted; and when it assembled after the general election found the equipment ready and waiting. The purpose of the experiment was to bring the people into closer touch with the activities of their representatives and, incidentally, to counteract the alleged anti-Labour bias of the Press.

Since 1936 the entire proceedings of the House of Representatives have been broadcast throughout the hours of sitting up to 10.30 p.m. and even later at the Prime Minister's discretion (after consultation with the Opposition).

To the dissatisfaction of the upper (nominous) chamber, who claim that their debates correspond in quality to those of the House of Lords, the broadcast of proceedings in the Legislative Council has so far been limited to the few minutes of the formal opening of Parliament.

The mechanical difficulties of broadcasting are not very great in a small Chamber where each of the 80 members has a place reserved for his exclusive use.

The eye is caught by seven microphones suspended round the Chamber, and one each standing before the Speaker and the Chairman.

Five more microphones are to be installed in an attempt to minimise the nuisance caused by the reproduction in exaggerated volume of casual interruptions occurring between a speaker and the microphone covering him.

In an obscure corner an expert is in control of the apparatus, switching in and cutting out, stepping up and damping down microphones, so as to "catch" pointed interjections or to "black out" meaningless background noise. His earphones give him only "what the mike picks up," and he must depend on his eyes to get the "pick up" right.

He also has some of the duties of an announcer, injecting into the broadcast occasional explanatory statements limited to the subject of the debate, and the names, parties and constituencies of the speakers.

Critical Public

If one considers only the popular reaction, the experiment of broadcasting debates would seem to have justified itself, though the New Zealand Broadcasting Service is unable to supply exact figures. It is known that the listening public is large and interested, if often critical.

Casual inquiries show that women listen in as well as men. People have learnt much more

about the purpose and proceedings of Parliament through a "Listeners' Guide to Parliament on the Air," thoughtfully issued by the Government.

Some are shocked to find that the tone of a democratic assembly is not that of an Areopagus or a Roman Senate. But many have developed a live interest in debates, as the "fan mail" received by well-known speakers proves. Both parties agree that discontinuance is unthinkable.

But what are the reactions inside Parliament when the little red light over the Speaker's chair shows that the country is listening?

By Sir GILBERT CAMPION

A few members never bother to look, but the bulk of the House is admittedly radio-conscious, as is shown by frequent appeals to "all those outside the House who are listening to me tonight."

There is great competition to secure the "evening air" during the most popular listening period, 7.30 to 9 p.m. The accidental fading out of the red light has caused eloquence to waver in its highest flight, and come down to earth like a prickled balloon.

The effect on debate has been partly good and partly bad. Awareness of the great listening public outside has made members take more trouble with their speeches, and in the view of inattentive critics the standard of speaking has improved.

But set speeches are no substitute for the cut-and-thrust of Parliamentary debate. Some think that broadcasting has actually harmed debate—members repeat stale arguments and disapproved facts, banking on the probability that most listeners have not heard earlier speeches.

On the other hand, I have heard it suggested that it is more than ever urgent to answer a damaging attack before it gets too long a start outside.

A change which would give better reproduction by cutting out the irritating undercurrent of conversation, would be for each member to deliver his speech from an insulated microphone at a rostrum. If it were adopted, broadcasting would certainly have killed debate.

Australian Interest

Meanwhile across the Tasman, New Australia was taking a lively interest in the experiment. In 1945 the Standing Committee on Broadcasting reported favourably.

An Act of the following year authorised Parliamentary broadcasts, afforded the broadcasting authorities protection in the courts, and set up a Joint Committee of nine members consisting of the Speaker, the President of the Senate, and representatives of the parties in both Houses to submit general principles to Parliament for the division of broadcasting time between the Houses, and subsequently to allot such periods in detail.

From the first, the Committee set out as far as possible to ensure a complete presentation of the proceedings and a fair distribution of time between the two Houses and the various parties.

Their arrangements have satisfied Parliament and have worked smoothly. They meet weekly and allot the broadcasting time

for the following week in the general proportion of one day to the Senate and three to the House of Representatives, subject to the complete broadcast of a debate on a single subject in one House, whenever possible.

During every day on which Parliament sits either the House or the Senate is broadcast from the beginning of the sitting until 11.30 p.m. or until the motion for the adjournment is moved, whichever is the earlier.

During the dinner adjournment there is a re-broadcast of Questions, usually considered the most lively item of Parliamentary business, from 7.20 to 7.55 p.m., beginning with the Questions of the House which was not being broadcast that day.

Each Chamber is equipped with standing microphones—the House of Representatives contains 15 (which must be largely increased in number to cope with the expansion of membership after the next election).

In each Chamber, in a sound-proof glass control booth, sit the operator and announcer upon whom the success of the broadcast depends. Normally only two microphones are "alive," the Chair's and the one into which the member on his feet is speaking, but others are momentarily "livened" to pick up interjections which are likely to be answered.

Exact Work

One has to enter the control booth, with all its charts and push-buttons, to realise the exacting nature of the work of control. The attention of the operator is under continuous strain, noting by the thinnest indications which member is about to interrupt, and feeling for the button to put him on the air without the loss of a syllable. What makes it worse is that there is no rule like ours that a member must rise in his place to interpose.

Australia has more to gain than New Zealand by broadcasting debates. The enormous distances between the State capitals and Canberra, the unlikelihood that more than a minute fraction of the population can ever personally attend debates, the widespread ignorance of Parliament, especially in the country districts, to interrupt and amend arguments for bringing Parliament to the homes of the people.

In spite of technical difficulties, from 60 to 80 per cent of the population from the beginning received an adequate transmission. Soon 30 per cent of potential listeners were hearing some debates during a representative fortnight, and of these 72 per cent favoured continuation and only 14 per cent discontinuance.

As in New Zealand, the first effect of broadcasting debates has been to intensify criticism of Parliament. There is too much personal abuse, there are too many unintelligible interruptions, in the "Canberra Bear-Garden."

The effect upon members of being on the air is also much the same. There is manoeuvring for the best listening times—for the Eastern States from 8 to 10 p.m., for the West from 10 p.m. onwards, which is 8 p.m. in Perth. (Are popular and unpopular speaking times altogether unknown in Chambers which have never been polluted by the "mike"?)

Proceedings are sometimes drawn out so as not to disappoint expectant audiences. Speaking and behaviour improve a little; debate deteriorates—a little.

THE RED TIDE IS FLOWING STRONGLY

Mr. Alfred Edwards, M.P., started a Bristol audience recently with the statement: "If we went to war with Russia tomorrow, I bet every power station in the country would be blown up." Not everyone will share the fears of Mr. Edwards fully; but there is certain need for effective action to prevent Communist misuse of our trade unions.

Mr. Edwards was commenting on Communist infiltration into the trade unions and trades councils of this country. He added: "What frightens me is the apathy of the business man. That is how the Communists got control in various countries—because people so used to being secure have sat back and said Glibly, 'It cannot happen here.'"

"Too Easy Going"
Almost the same words were used by a Czech who arrived in England recently after escaping from his own unhappy country. "You English," he said, "are too easy-going. You decide yourselves with that fatal phrase 'It cannot happen here.' Just as we did in Czechoslovakia. But you are wrong, just as we were wrong. It can happen here. It is happening here. I can smell it in the very air. For God's sake do something about it."

One might take those two warnings slightly enough by themselves, but they come on the heels of repeated declarations of the Communists themselves that it must and shall happen here. Karl Marx, Lenin and Joseph Stalin have told us the way the Communists want the world to go—and it is going that way so rapidly that Hitler's blitz tactics look like those of a tortoise racing a hare.

So many European countries have been drawn so smoothly behind the Iron Curtain since the war ended that we have scarcely noticed their passing. But look at the list of them: Bulgaria, Rumania, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia. We have almost forgotten even the existence of those tragic little Baltic countries of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

Seeping Everywhere
The Red Tide has flowed over China and Burma; its waves are breaking against the Greeks and the Malays, the In-

dians and the Indonesians; its waters are lapping the frontiers of France and Italy, Finland, Sweden and Luxembourg, and seeping slowly into Britain.

Inevitably, unless the cracks are caulked and the fissures filled

without delay, every one of these countries—even Britain—may be submerged. The Communists would have you believe that their success has been achieved because the peoples of these countries have long awaited them and welcomed them with open arms.

Causing Chaos

The truth is that their success has been achieved by the use of every artifice that lay to hand; by fraud, violence and fifth column, strikes, obstruction and disruption, fair means and foul, victimisation and terrorism.

They have advanced by crying for peace and preparing for war; by arming and calling for disarmament; by letting Socialist governments clear their path, then attacking them as enemies of democracy; by infiltrating key-men into the industries of foreign countries to obey the call from the Cominform by causing chaos and disruption whenever and wherever they can; by setting up puppets to welcome Russian troops if and when they shall march in.

In Britain at the start of the New Year the Communists published a 6,000-word "call to action."



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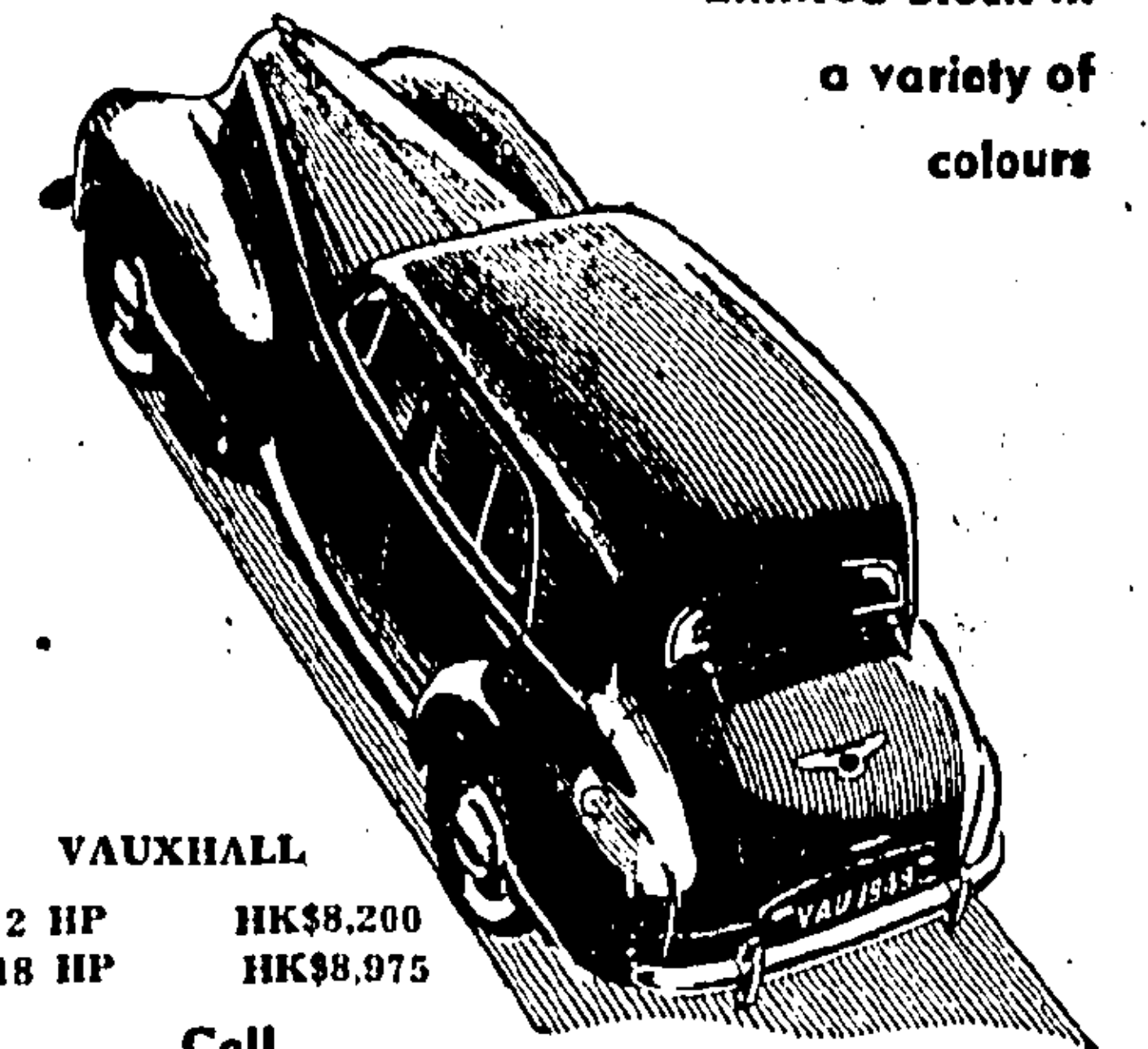
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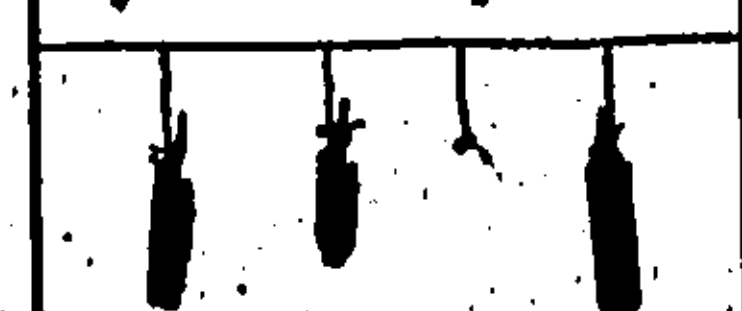
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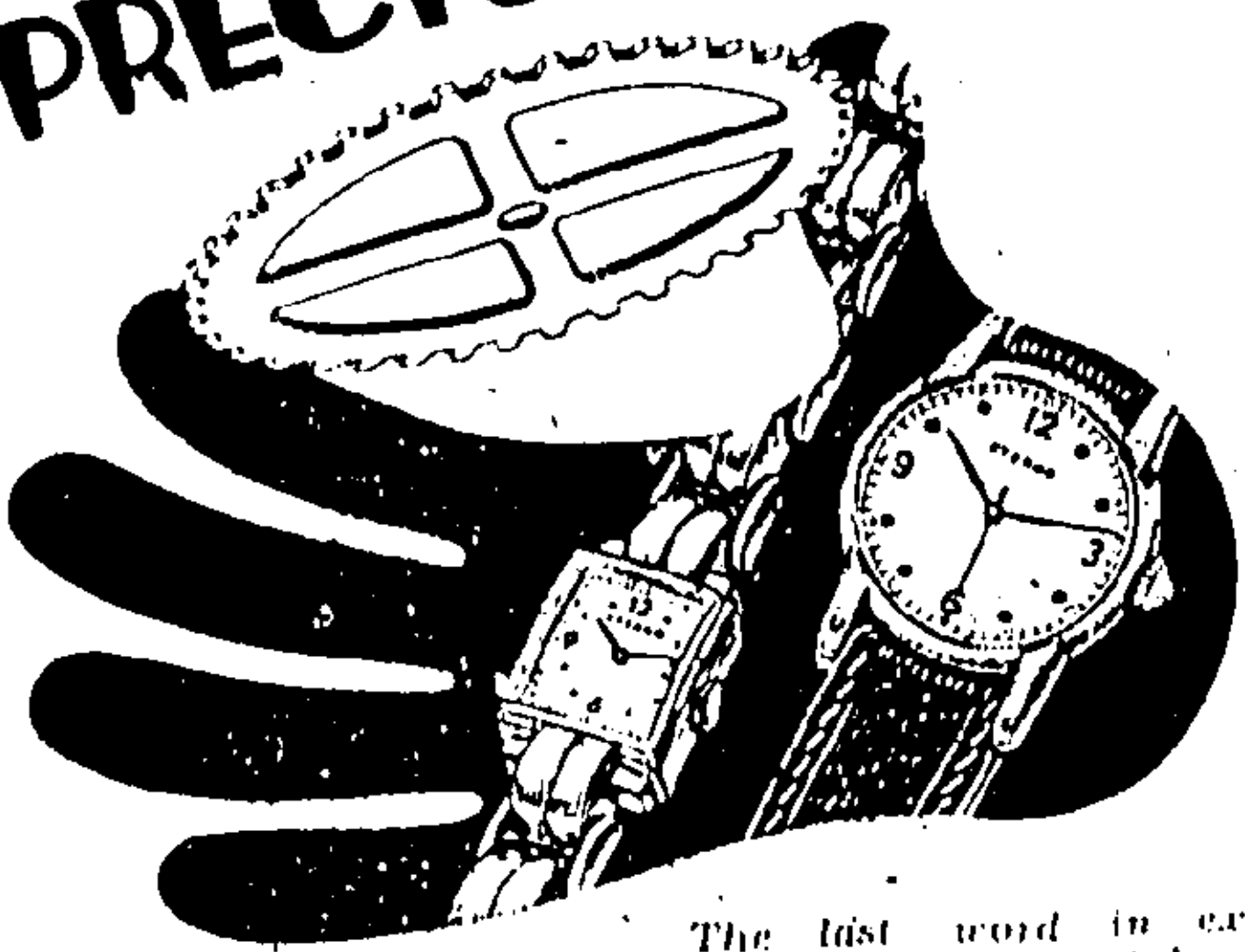
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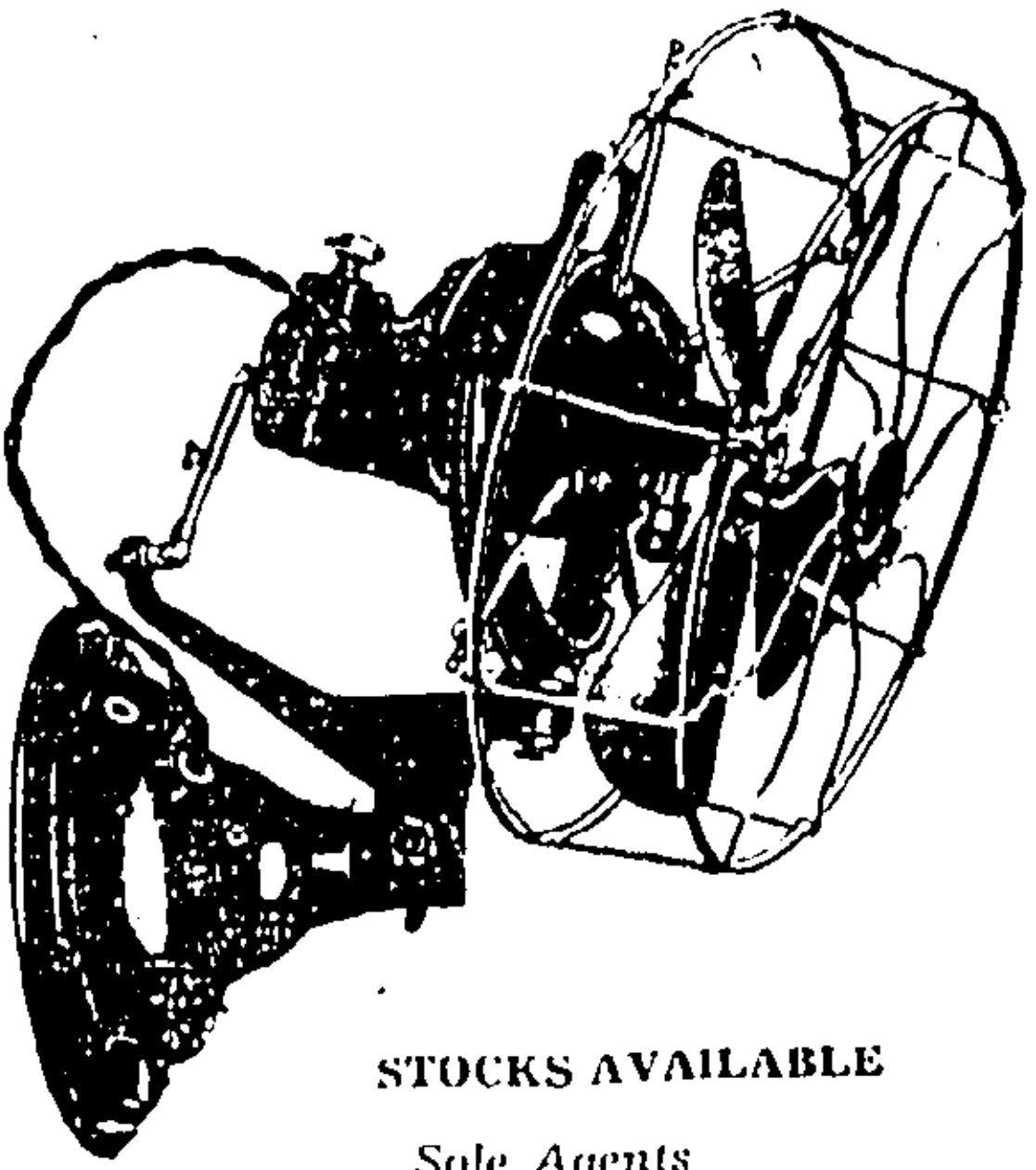
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ROAD NETWORK OF 26,000 MILES ACROSS EUROPE

Genova, May 7. Seventeen European countries, and Western Germany have agreed here on a 26,000-mile network of road arteries to be built across the Continent and Britain in the next 10 years.

Divided into three categories and provided with the latest aids to fast, safe driving, the arteries will allow big development of European road transport.

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe said today that it had taken a year of negotiation to attain agreement on a map which traces the projected highways.

Russian View Of Britain

Moscow, May 6. Olga Chechekina, recently returned from Britain, where she attended the International Women's Day celebrations, wrote in today's issue of "Pravda," Soviet Communist newspaper, that the leaders of the British Labour Party like to boast that they reflect the opinion of the British people.

She continued: "Listening to them, one would think that the British people are dreaming of nothing but a London situated on the River Hudson, of Croydon (South London airport) as a base for American bombers and of Yankee Doodle being sung in Hyde Park." "However, the British people are not a chicken asking to be put into the soup."

"During our stay in England since ourselves that the working people not only do not support the anti-democratic policy of Britain's ruling classes, but that they actively oppose it."—Reuter.

MONTGOMERY IN HOLLAND

Eindhoven, May 6. Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chairman of the Western Union Commanders-in-Chief Committee, arrived at Welschen airfield here today from Paris on a five-day visit to Holland.

He is flying on to The Hague later this afternoon. Full details of his programme are still not settled, but it is understood that he will hold informal talks and meetings with high Dutch military and naval officers during the week-end.—Reuter.

Pyromaniac In Croydon

London, May 6. Police inquiries today suggest that either a pyromaniac with a predilection for churches, or a recent school child, might have started a fire at a parish church school in Croydon, near London—the latest of several to damage churches and church buildings in the district.

The Croydon fire brigade found that attempts had been made to start fires in nine different places in the school. Cupboards had been broken open and papers piled on the floor to make bonfires.—Reuter.

Asbestos Situation Out Of Hand

Asbestos, May 6. This centre of the world's asbestos industry faces the possibility of going under martial law today after the district attorney read the Riot Act from the steps of St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church.

Nearly 24 hours of bitter street fighting in which 60 striking miners were arrested and removed for questioning, reached a climax when the district attorney, Herbie Chabot, mounted the steps of the church and proclaimed a state of riot.

Several hundred miners crowded the streets, watching him as he declared that the situation is getting out of control and the Army will be called in to maintain order if necessary.

Earlier, a convoy of 150 provincial police armed with shotguns and tear gas bombs broke through barricades thrown around the town by 4,000 striking asbestos miners.—United Press.

No Customs

Experts from the countries participating in the network have agreed to give effect as quickly as possible to three new treaties which will allow greater liberty of road travel and transport than Europe has known since World War I.

They decided that the treaties will be opened for signature in Geneva in June. The first of these treaties facilitates travel across frontiers for motor tourists, the second breaks down present frontier barriers to international road haulage and the third will, for the first time in Europe, allow long-distance transport trucks to pass through intermediate countries without Customs examination.—Reuter.

Obituary Count Møsterlinck

Nice, May 6. Count Maurice Møsterlinck, world-famous playwright, sometimes known as "the Belgian Shakespeare," died in his villa here today, aged 87. He was a Nobel prize-winner for literature.

He was born at Ghent in 1862, of humble parentage. On his 70th birthday he was made a Count for his services to Belgian literature. His best known works were "Le Tresor des Humbles," "Monsieur Vanina," a play, "Pelican and Mellissande," of which Debussy made an opera, and, above all, the exquisite play "The Blue Bird."—Reuter.

Lord Portal

Whitechurch, May 6. Lord Portal, British business magnate and former Government Minister, died at his home here today, aged 64.

Lord Portal of Laverstoke was best known to the British public by the prefabricated houses bearing his name. He was Managing Director of a firm which has made paper for Bank of England notes for more than 200 years.

During the second world war he was Minister of Works and Buildings in Mr. Winston Churchill's Government.—Reuter.

Material Aid For Burma Government

London, May 6. Official quarters today said that the Commonwealth countries will announce within 48 hours plans to extend material aid to the Government of revolt-torn Burma.

Government sources said: "Assistance to Burma will be of more than one kind."

It is understood that various Commonwealth Governments have conveyed their intentions to the Burmese Government through Commonwealth representatives in Rangoon. They impressed upon the Burmese Prime Minister, Thakin Nu, that if an understanding can be reached with the Karen rebels, the Kachins, Chins, Shans and other non-Burmese races should rally to the Burmese Union to make a solid front against the Communist forces which continue to harass the Government in Central Burma.

The Indian Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, is said to have expressed his conviction that un-

ONLY ONE OBSTACLE TO INDONESIA PEACE

Batavia, May 7. Differences over the future boundaries of Jogjakarta after the capital has been returned to the Republicans were said by a reliable source yesterday to be the only obstacle impeding United Nations discussions to end the dispute.

Members of the Republican delegation earlier returned by air from Bangka, where they had conferred with Dr. Soekarno, Indonesian President, and the Vice-President, Dr. Mohamed Hatta.

In informal talks this week Dutch and Republican delegates are said to have agreed to the setting up of the Indonesian Republic again in Jogjakarta. They also agreed to continue talks through the United Nations with the exception of discussions on the future boundaries of Jogjakarta.

The Netherlands delegation defined the city and environs as an area with a radius of about five miles from the centre, excluding the airport.

The Republicans have insisted on the return of the entire Sultanate of Jogjakarta, an irregular area about 40 miles across.

There is believed to be considerable difficulty in reconciling the two viewpoints since the Dutch Army is unlikely to give up the airport and the Republicans claim they need the whole area on grounds of military security.

A UN Security Council resolution of January 28 called for the re-establishment of a Republican regime in Jogjakarta, but it was not specific as regards the definition of the city's future boundaries.

Closed Sessions. It called for the return of the city and environs to the Republic as a first step toward re-establishing the Indonesian Republic.

Since April 21 the Dutch and Republican delegations have met informally with Merle Cochran, U.S. representative on the Security Council's Committee of Good Offices, rather than in regular sessions with the Commission.

In this way other disputes have been overcome in closed sessions during the past two weeks.

First, the Dutch demanded "binding commitments" from the Republicans to agree to The Hague round table conference and to order the guerrillas to cease fire before settling up the Republic in Jogjakarta.

The Republicans said that it is impossible to make such commitments while they are split up in exile.

Mr. Cochran then came forward with his own formula calling for Dr. Soekarno and Dr. Hatta to declare before returning to the capital that they are personally in favour of ordering a cease fire and that they will insist on participation at The Hague round table conference.

VESTHEY APPEAL UPHeld

London, May 6. The House of Lords, sitting as Britain's highest court, today upheld appeals by the executors of the late Lord Vestey and his brother Sir George Vestey against judgments which had made them liable to pay about £5,000,000 income tax and surtax.

In 1947 the Court of Appeal had held that the claims, made by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, were valid. The claims arose from the execution in Brussels in 1921 of a deed of settlement by which rents of £300,000 a year on cold storage properties leased by the Vestey family to the Union Cold Storage Company were to be paid to three trustees in Paris and accumulated for the benefit of the Vestey dependents.

It was contended on behalf of the Crown that in respect of this money the Vestey were liable for income tax from 1936 to 1939 and for surtax from 1937 to 1941.

Lord Vestey, who died in 1940, and Sir George Vestey were sons of a Liverpool provision merchant. After making money in America they built up extensive interests in cold storage, shipping and property.—Reuter.

Pope Receives New Minister

Vatican City, May 6. Pope Pius XII today received the New Minister of the Republic of Panama to the Holy See, who presented his letters of credence.

Replying to an address of homage by the new Minister, the Pope said: "It is not the geographical extent of a country, nor its riches nor its force, which constitutes the real value of a nation, but its moral and religious principles, its honouring of its given word, its labours for God and the Church, for the country and other causes, its love of good order, of labour, its paternal charity towards all, its hostility to none, its generosity to the needy, its unwavering constancy for reconciliation and peace."—Reuter.

NO SA MEAT FOR BRITAIN?

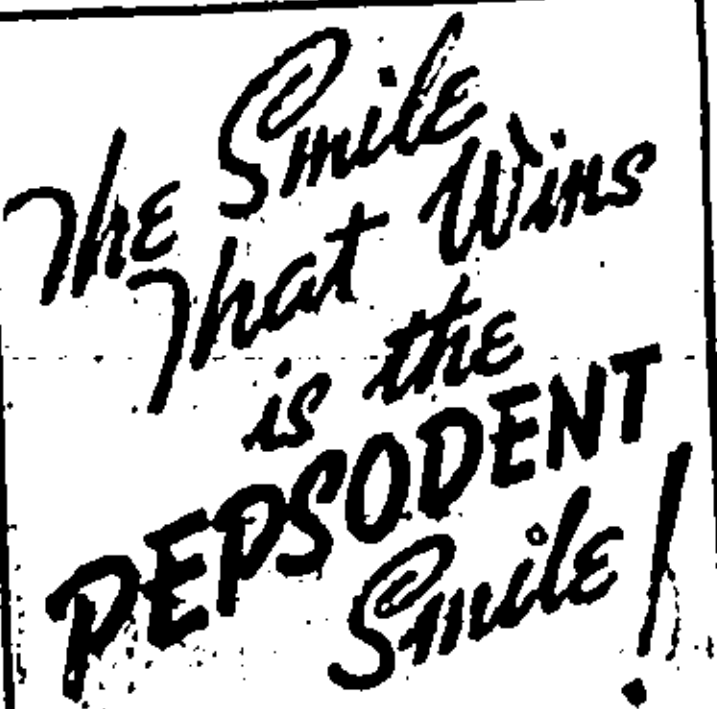
Buenos Aires, May 6. Trade circles here disclosed that both packing houses and shipping companies have been instructed by the National Meat Board for Argentina to discontinue loading meat for Britain after May 13.

The instructions of the Meat Board came from the National Economic Council. As matters stand tonight the meat negotiations with Britain, which have been going on here since February 22, have virtually broken down.—Reuter.

DANGER OF WAR

Washington, May 6. Mr. Amos Gerard, former American Ambassador to Germany, believes that if the Senate does not ratify the Atlantic Pact "we will be at war within a year."

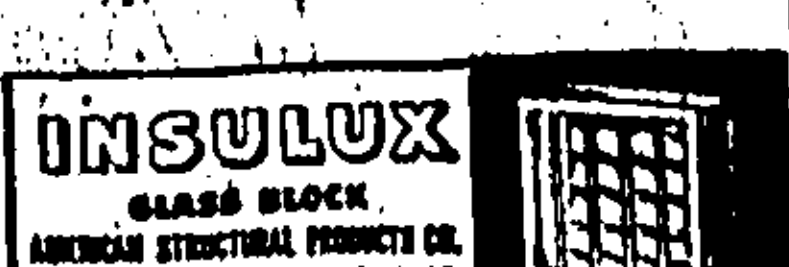
Mr. Gerard, Ambassador in Berlin at the outbreak of the first World War, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that "a failure to ratify the pact and to arm the nations of Western Europe will mean war, the end of democracy everywhere and the domination of the world by Russian Communism."—Reuter.



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Anna Neagle Tells Her Secrets

The Picture That Shocked My Brother

In these articles I promised to tell you, frankly, my secrets. One thing I can tell you which is NO secret is that making good in show business is a matter of hard work, bitter disappointments and many ups and downs.

Last Sunday I told you how I managed to get a job in the chorus of one of Charles Cochran's shows. As one of Mr. Cochran's Young Ladies I was in a "plum" job. But my visit to America with "Wake Up and Dream" inspired me with ambition—and when Mr. Cochran invited me to be in the chorus of "Evergreen" I made a firm decision—and said "No."

There I was without a job, and with just a precious £70 savings, my legs shaking slightly and near panic in my heart as I wondered: "What now?"

My next god decided rapidly. I trudged from one agent's office to another without success. I became scared and desperate. I was too independent to tell my family of my plight, but, characteristically, my brother Stuart sensed my problem and loaned me £20.

I eked out an existence by modelling. I posed for hats. I was the original Kestrel girl, and I became "Mrs. Evergreen" in the famous furniture ads. I did crowd work in films, but where was that longed-for stage role, however small?

Marriage Or Career?

I had three proposals during that last period. They were all attractive men. I was very fond of one of them. I almost accepted him, but at the last minute I felt he couldn't compete with my burning ambition.

I got a tiny part in a film called "Should a Doctor Tell?" I knew I was bad and nervy, and the director, Manning Haynes, said to my agent: "You'll never do anything with that girl. She's too insensitive. Hasn't got a nerve in her body!" But now came a break—a small but important part with

Matheson Lang in "The Chinese Bungalow." That's when I changed my name from Marjorie Robertson. The director, J. B. Williams, now an important screen writer, thought that to play a much-publicised Cochran chorus girl with Matheson Lang was unfair to that fine actor.

So, in that little cafe near the Hippodrome to which I had wandered automatically after my interview with Cochran, I became Anna Neagle. The "Neagle" was my mother's maiden name. The "Anna" was just a whim.

Then came my Big Chance. The late Percy Caribour (the most conscientious agent I ever met) arranged with Frank Smythe, Jack Buchanan's stage manager, to see me as a possibility for "Stand Up and Sing."

Frank liked the look of me and arranged an audition with Jack. At the audition my wretched nervousness let me down. I started to sing, but not even a squeak came out.

Suffered Agonies

Just before the curtain went up my confidence was completely torn to ribbons when an agent bluntly told me that Jack had no intention of letting me open in London. That June was already booked to take my place. He even showed me a letter with June's signature to confirm it.

How I ever got through that night, I don't know—I was so miserable. For six weeks I suffered agonies, until Jack learned what was worrying me and put my fears at rest. He gave instructions that the agent was to be barred from any future Buchanan shows.

And so came the great night: March 5, 1931. There was my name in electric lights over the Hippodrome with Jack Buchanan, Elsie Randolph, Vera Peerce and Morris Harvey.

I'll never forget that night. The wonderful reception to my solo dance and hearing my name being shouted from the gallery... feeling Jack lead me to the front to acknowledge the applause and Elsie whispering in my ear, "What did I tell you? I knew you'd do it!" That night is still vividly with me—the generosity of the cast who crowded round, including Dickie Murdoch, of "Much-

Admiring in the Marsh" radio fame and even the stage hands.

Then the party at the Dorchester and home! For years I had caught the No. 66 bus on the Tube to my home in Maida Vale, and on this night of nights I found myself once again at the same bus stop. I thought I must celebrate—do something different—so I hailed a taxi.

"Where to?" said the driver. "Portdown-road, Maida Vale," I said, and then, as an afterthought, I added, "Would you drive past the Hippodrome—very slowly."

I am sure he thought I was mad, as it was right out of the way. I wanted to see the words "Anna Neagle" in lights. I even if they were out! I wanted to see it was "Stand Up and Sing" I was in and not "Wake Up and Dream!"

My First Film Test

The next day there were front page stories in the national papers and an immediate offer of a film test for an important role. When I arrived at the studio, they had no script for me and said simply, "Do a scene from 'Stand Up and Sing.'"

Without a partner, I endeavored to play a scene with Jack, who was afterwards informed that I wouldn't be any good in films, as I was too "musical comedy!"

Just as Jack Buchanan gave me my first real stage break it was Herbert Wilcox who was to give me my first real screen chance. It might not have happened if George Postford, composer of "Goodnight, Vienna," hadn't had jarringly! Herbert decided to make the Maschwitz-Postford score as a film. But when he called to discuss the cast with George, he found he was ill. So, idly, Herbert dropped into the Hippodrome to see Jack Buchanan, who was to star in the film. The feminine lead was still open. Herbert and Jack wanted Len Seid or Evelyn Laye, but neither was available.

Herbert arrived just as I was dancing with Jack and the packed theatre was tense and silent. For this dance was a very thrilling romantic highlight. Herbert made up his mind that I was the girl for the part in "Goodnight, Vienna" and he swiftly convinced a not very sceptical Jack!

£10-A-Week Star

At last I was really in films. "Goodnight, Vienna" took three and a half weeks to make and I was paid £200 for the period. So successful was the film in London—it ran 13 weeks in the West End—that Herbert put me under

a three-year contract with a £10-a-week retainer, £200 for my first picture and £300 for my second. The first was "Little Damsel," which Herbert decided upon to shock the critics into regarding me as something more than a "charming ingenue." I was so scared of my first big role that I nearly walked out before shooting started. But Herbert called my confidence and I played the rather sexy, flashy cabaret singer.

Apparently I was very effective, for Alan, my elder brother in South Africa, was so shocked he struck out of the cinema when he saw it and sent me a stern cable: "What are they doing to you?"

It was "Little Damsel" that brought me my first Hollywood offer—a five year contract with Paramount, but although it was tempting at the time, I am very glad Herbert and I decided against it until I had made a bigger impression in British films.

Then Herbert started the film world by outbidding Hollywood for the film rights of "Bitter Sweet." He had decided on this as my next film.

Neil Coward and his associates were all aghast when they learned that Herbert intended playing my role, made famous by Peggy Wood and Evelyn Laye. He was even threatened with an injunction, but Herbert, who had bought the rights at a fabulous figure, defied all opposition to back his own judgment and his faith in me.

In "Bitter Sweet" the American critics took notice of me for the first time. The criticisms were really wonderful—although unhappily the box-office business was not good.

Playing in "Bitter Sweet" was a young man who wanted to study film art-direction. He became a genuine-day film extra to do it. In a sequence which featured ladies of the town in a cafe, Herbert called this young man and asked him if he would dance with another man.

"I can't do it," pleaded this blushing extra, so Herbert laughed, called him to his office and split half a bottle of champagne with him, and, instead, gave him the prettiest girl in the crowd as his partner.

The young man was Michael Wilding. I wish I could say that I'd spotted his obvious talent. Alas, I don't even remember seeing him! My career, under the careful direction of Herbert Wilcox, was shaping well. My next film was to be something of a landmark. I played "Neil Gwyn"—that lovely, bawdy, uninhibited character of Old Drury.

But "Neil" was to lead to bitter disappointment. Herbert took this £31,000 film to America and showed it to the critics and trade at the Actor Theatre, New York. It was a riot. Herbert sent me a glowing cable saying: "You're on top of the world."

Film Banned

I was at Broadstairs having a few days' holiday at the time, but



Anna in "The Little Damsel." Her brother saw the film in South Africa, was shocked, walked out of the cinema and cabled her his disapproval.

couldn't sleep, and in the morning got up about six o'clock and went for a walk along the sea front. I had the cables from New York with me and kept glancing at them. Amongst other things, I knew what the film's success in America would mean to Herbert and his plans—more British films and the opening of that elusive oyster, the American market.

And then came the shock—the film was banned by the American censors.

They took exception to the fact that it was a story of a King and his mistress, and also to my low-cut décolletage about which the famous word "cleavage" was coined.

They suggested marrying Charles II off to Nell Gwyn, but Herbert regarded this distortion of history as much more immoral than the facts of the case!

It was a sad blow, but "Neil Gwyn" in which Cedric Hardwicke gave, I think, his best screen performance, firmly established me as a top-line British star.

Though when it eventually reached America a year later 33 "cuts" had made it practically a quickie.

Next I played Peg Woffington, which was an enormous success. And then, reluctantly, Herbert agreed to lend me out to another producer. It was the one and only time he did so, but as it was to co-star in a very important film with Ronald Colman and Clive Brook, he thought it good for my career.

I rushed back from holiday to find that the producer's plans had gone slightly "hazywire." Instead of Colman, the great lover, I was to star with heavyweight champion Max Baer! Instead of suave Clive Brook, the other star was Victor McLaglen!

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One of the most common
topics of discussion in Hong
Kong yesterday was the sending
of the substantial reinforcement
from Britain to the Colony, for
land, sea and air arms. These
will include troops, tanks, modern
guns, fighter aircraft, an additional
cruiser and possibly an aircraft
carrier.

The die has been cast, it
seems to us here, and the
vacillating Socialist govern-
ment which shrinks from the
responsibility of an empire built
by "capitalist adventures" has
decided that it cannot repeat the
same mistakes, that led to death
and havoc in Malaya. It seems
that the colonies still have a
vital role to play in the
economy of the new Britain.
Further, it looks as if the
Homeland is now making
the same stand it would have
made a few decades ago; "because
we are not aggressive, do not think
we will shrink from striking
back if you menace our lives,
rights and property."

At the same time the British
and Hong Kong governments'
traditional policy of neutrality
and non-intervention in China's
affairs is stressed. Not that this
statement of fact will affect the
Red fanatics, but the time is
overdue when our case should
be laid before world opinion. Our
record in this particular region
is not impeccable, but on the
whole we can be very proud of it.
We are here by right, and it is
essential that not only are we
protected but also "the peaceful
pursuit of legitimate trade
through Hong Kong with China."

The Defence Minister voiced
the dissatisfaction felt both
here and in London that re-
cruitment for the Defence
Force is not producing as good
results as hoped for, but—according
to cabled despatches reaching
here—he did not go into details.
It seems as if not the willingness
of volunteers but the complicated
red tape leading up to attestation
is at fault. So far only 30 have
passed through to full membership,
with a further 80 ready to be
attested. The authorities hope
from now on to put 50 applicants
a week through all the formalities.
At this rate it will take two and
a half years to reach the figure
of 6,000. This seems to us a matter
for immediate investigation.

It has been suggested that
under the new military arrange-
ments, it might now be possible
successfully to defend Hong Kong
from invasion. It is quite true
that the Chinese Communists have
no naval craft, at the moment, worth
considering, and an armed attack
from Kwangtung could be repelled
by destruction of bridges, mining
of the difficult terrain and efficient
concentration of artillery.

The new arrangements have, in
fact, enormously heartened the
Colony's citizens, and as Mr. Harold

Whether a policy of "Enough
and in Time" has yet been
substituted for "Too Little and
Too Late" by the Home Govern-
ment, it is as yet too early to
determine.

Certain it is that the recent
tragedy on the Yangtze has
aroused public opinion in Great
Britain, and that even without
prodding by the Opposition, the
Government would have felt con-
strained to take some action in
regard to the protection of Hong
Kong.

My "deadline" for this article
expired before a full report of the
House of Commons debate on the
China and Hong Kong situation
had reached the Colony. But it
has become known that the Home
Government has undertaken to
bring the strength of the local
Garrison up to two Brigades, with
such ancillary forces as tanks,
field and anti-tank guns, and anti-
aircraft batteries. The local Air
Force is also to be reinforced by
fighter machines, while the Fleet
will be joined by another Cruiser,
and if considered necessary, an
Aircraft Carrier.

"While we have scrupulously
endeavoured to avoid being in-
volved in the war on the Chi-
nese mainland" said the Defence
Minister, Mr. A. V. Alexander.
"We are no less resolute in our
attitude as regards territory for
which we hold a direct respon-
sibility."

He gave warning that no ac-
tivities calculated to provoke a
breach of the peace would be
tolerated from Kuomintang or
Communist Chinese, and added
that such as were being taken to
stockpile supplies of food that
might run short, and according to
one report, that precautions were
being taken against an uncontrol-
led rush of refugees.

Alexander Disappointed

So much to the good! The idea
that precautions for the defence
of Hong Kong might be considered
"provocative" appears to have
been dropped. But Mr. Alexander
disappointed over the Govern-
ment's unwillingness to recruit
to the "reorganised Hong Kong
Volunteer Defence Force," which
has not yet produced "such good
results as I should desire."

As I pointed out last week, pre-
servations of internal security
ought primarily to be the respon-
sibility of the Hong Kong com-
munity. The Police Force of
between 3,000 and 4,000 could not
be expected to cope with wide-
spread civil disturbances, and the
Garrison ought not to be expected
to save in a dire emergency, to
add this responsibility to external
defence.

It may be hoped that the re-
action of the Home Government to
the Communist advance to Hong
Kong will contribute towards
making the community "defence
conscious." I must confess to
reading with considerable impat-

MORE PACTS WANTED

While the Atlantic Pact is
being considered by the United
States Senate, the Foreign Of-
fice concerned in it are not in
a situation to remain idle.
For the countries brought into
the Pact are by no means the
only ones threatened by Russian
aggression; and, in so far as the
Pact deters the Soviet from at-
tacking Western Europe, it may in-
crease its disposition to attack
elsewhere.

Such changes of thrust were
always characteristic of Russian
expansion under the Tsars. But
whereas in their time the differ-
ent compartments of the world
were to some extent watertight,
today it is not so. Indeed it was
a Soviet statesman who coined
the true phrase that peace is one
and indivisible.

From the 20th century unity
of the world it follows that we
cannot, in the old formula of the
wascals, limit our commit-
ments.

We can, of course, pretend to
do so. We can say that because
Western Europe is so close to us
we need a Union and a Pact and
a co-ordination of Armed Forces
in order to secure it from attack,
but that because Greece and
Turkey, Iraq and Persia, are so
much further away, we should
not spare men or money to
guarantee them.

And yet the fact is that a
Russian conquest of any of these
countries would vitally endanger
our situation. If it were at-
tempted, we should be bound to
resist it. And it is far better to
be frank about that necessity
beforehand.

Past Lessons

Consider the lessons of 1903-
14. We formed an Entente with
France, and before it had lasted
long two things became evident:
(1) that Germany was planning
an attempt to crush France by
force of arms and reduce her to
the status of a cipher in Europe,
and

(2) that we could not afford to
let that happen. Had we faced
those facts, we should have con-
tracted a defensive alliance.
But no; our hearts still cherished
"splendid isolation," we could go
as far as an Entente, but no fur-
ther.

Millan said, it can be the first
move towards "breathing a
new spirit of confidence" into
Asia, and giving reassurance
to our many friends all over
the Far East.

Enough And In Time?

once a report of a meeting of the
Chinese Chamber of Commerce to
discuss "constitutional reform" in
the Colony, at which demands
were put forward for a Chinese
(sic) majority among the Unoffi-
cial Members of the Legislative
Council, and that the franchise
should be extended to all taxpay-
ers, regardless of whether they
were or were not British subjects.
The effect of conceding these de-
mands would, of course, be to
import Chinese politics into the
administration of Hong Kong,
since they would put a premium
on dual nationality and reduce the
value of British citizenship.

By H.C.W.
Woodhead
C.B.E.

Where so-called elected Muni-
cipalities have been tried in China,
up to now, the results have in-
variably been disappointing, and
there is no reason to suppose that
such an experiment within a British
Colony would be any more
satisfactory. One is, indeed, tem-
pted to feel that the sponsors of
these demands are more interested
in gaining privileges for compa-
triot who may or may not be loyal
citizens, than in inducing them
to assume a proper share in civic
responsibilities, such as, for ex-
ample, Police Reserves. It seems
to me that now is not an appro-
priate time for any section of
the community to be agitating
about so-called "constitutional re-
form." The internal and external
security problems of the Colony
should receive paramount
consideration, for it is quite cer-
tain that any form of "constitu-
tional" administration would re-
ceive short shrift if the Commu-
nists gained control of Hong Kong.

Empire Territories

Opposition speakers have re-
cently made a point of the desir-
ability of greater Dominion par-
ticipation in the defence of Em-
pire territories. This Colony as
a strategic base in the chain of
British territories—Columbo,
Singapore-Hong Kong—and the
nearest link to American Pacific
bases on Okinawa, etc. should be
of as much concern to the Domini-
ons of Canada, Australia and
New Zealand, as the United Kingdom.
situated so much further away,
and already hard put to it to find
troops for essential duties in Ger-
many, the Mediterranean, and the
Indian and Pacific Oceans.

The Dominions gave lavish mili-
tary aid to the Mother Country
during World War II. It is the
incredible fact that the global
"Cold War" laws they will expect
the United Kingdom to provide all
the Naval, Military and Air Forces
required to maintain the security
of an important Pacific Base and
entirety.

I referred last week to the mon-
strous injustice of robbing Chi-
nese refugees of small quantities
of gold, under the pretence of
bolstering up China's currency. I
hope that strong representations
on this issue will be made by the
Executive and Legislative Coun-
cils, to the Home Government. It
is revolting to read that a Chi-
nese passenger from the Yangtze
River, found to be in possession
of two small pieces of gold valued
at HK\$250 (in his watch pocket)
was cautioned, and had his coins
confiscated, even though he pro-
fessed (probably quite truthfully)
his ignorance of the regulations.
The Magistrate, of course, is not
to blame. But it is sheer per-
secution to confiscate what are
probably the sole resources of an
incoming refugee.

Callous Indifference

Finally a word about the storm
(in a tea-cup, I hope) raised by
the charges of callous indifference
made against the Hong Kong
Community by a Special Corres-
pondent of the "DAILY EX-
PRESS." Such charges at this
juncture might do incalculable
harm, especially when made in a
Conservative newspaper at a time
when the defence of Hong Kong
has become a vital problem.
Though it is true that little or no
publicity was given to the efforts
that were being made by a Com-
mittee of the Hong Kong Ex-
ecutive Council, prior to the
arrival of the U.S. Hospital
Ship *Repulse*, it has since been
revealed that very substantial funds
were at the disposal of this Com-
mittee which had been working on
schemes for providing comfort
several days previously.

No Hong Kong resident can
take seriously the suggestion that
the arrival of this vessel, with a
number of seriously wounded men,
should have been made an occa-
sion for sirens hoisting in the har-
bour, and brass bands blaring on
the wharf. The absence of pre-
liminary publicity appears to have
been part of a deliberate policy
on the part of the Naval Authori-
ties, who were anxious to get the
victims of the Yangtze incident
into Hospital as quietly and
rapidly as possible. A smear
such as this upon the Hong Kong
Community cannot be overstate-
d, once it has gone into print, even
by public expressions of appre-
ciation from the Commodore and
several naval ratings who were
week-end guests of local residents.

If there is any lesson to be
learned from the episode it is that
in the event of a similar incident
in future (which Heaven forbid)
the Naval authorities should
couple their announcement of the
Hospital ship's arrival, with a
statement that everything possible
is being done to provide for the
comfort and amusement of the
wounded, and an indication of
what forms of community assis-
tance would be welcome, and
whither they should be sent.

By SCRUTATOR

We might (but this was a
secret, and for our purists a
shameful one) have some military
and naval talks; but we must
be free to withhold our aid if
we thought fit. And when the
time came, a majority of the
Cabinet were, but for the Belgian
issue, in favour of withholding
aid.

What were the effects of this
limiting our commitments? We
can see them now plainly en-
ough. We encouraged the Ger-
man war party, and so made
war likelier to come. We re-
stricted our co-operation with
France, and so made ourselves
less likely to win the war when
it came.

U.S. Learns Much

Americans have learned much
from that experience; there
would be no Pact today if they
had not. Yet sometimes they
forget, still pose itself, who
they have learned enough.
Their country is so vast; its
back areas still foster an illusion
of safety through remoteness;
its Sanitation and Congressmen
are still much subjected to the
pressure of narrow outlooks and
local interests.

The value of the Atlantic Pact
lies just there—that it spite of
the reservation of Congress's
constitutional right to decide
about declaring war it does
create a moral commitment, and
as such is a steady factor—
both for the United States itself
against the risks of vacillation
at the critical moment, and for
any Power which might other-
wise gamble on that vacillation
in order to launch an aggression
within Europe. Each area, it
must stand it outside that
area? Suppose a Russian ag-
gression against Persia.



Australia And The Communists

By ARTHUR MORLEY

A nation-wide revulsion
against Communism has led to
street-fighting throughout Aus-
tralia, and near-riots at trade
union mass meetings. The
Queensland Premier, Mr. Han-
nion, has been obliged to appear
to the people to keep order.

Canberra authorities say that
this sudden swing from tolerance
to bitter hostility towards the
Australian Communist Party is
due to two things—increasing
distrust of Russia and weakening
of the post-war boom which
brought workers such relative
wealth that they were prepared to
follow Communist trade union
leaders into any and every strike.

These days have gone.
Recently, Communist street vi-
olence has been broken up by
police in Brisbane, Perth, Kal-
goorlie, and Sydney. Attacks on
speakers have been made mostly
by Australian ex-servicemen.
In Newcastle, New South

Wales, the "Birmingham of Aus-
tralia," 4,000 ironworkers turned
a mass meeting into a violent anti-
Communist demonstration. They
hitherto have followed (and the
orders of the avowed Communists
among their union leaders.

At this meeting, the Communist
secretary of the local branch of
the Ironworkers' Union was
thrown from the dais and the
Communist Union organizer
dragged from his place on the
dais and thrown bodily into the
seats below.

Shouting: "Go back to Russia,"
the union membership stormed the
dais platform, smashed the mi-
crophone, and began singing the
Australian national song, "Ad-
vance Australia Fair." Police
sent riot squads to restore order.

Ironworkers throughout Aus-
tralia have refused to obey the
orders of their Federal Executive
to strike because one of their
officials had been convicted of
contempt of court.

The other week, the Wharf
Labourers' Union membership,
hitherto radical and dominated by
Communist officials, refused to
strike, defying orders of their
leaders. The pretext for this strike
call was arrest of a Communist
Party official for alleged sedition.

Hitherto, it would have been
unthinkable for the ironworkers
or wharf labourers to break union
solidarity by refusing a strike
order.

The Labour Government of Mr.
J. B. Chifley is taking its lead
from the unions and adopting a
tougher policy towards Commu-
nists. Mr. Chifley still declines to
outlaw the Communist Party, as
he considers this would be con-
trary to the ideals of British free-
dom.

But he has ordered much
stricter watch on Communist
activities by the Security Depart-
ment, and is leading a drive to
turn Communists out of their ex-
ecutive positions in the trade
unions.

Reports reaching the Australian
Government indicate that the
Communists are preparing to hit
back in an extreme effort to re-
gain power and influence in the
unions. A major strike, paralysing
every key industry, is in prospect.

It is claimed that Communist
Party leaders have been prepar-
ing plans for a general stoppage
for some time.

The Prime Minister has allow-
ed it to become known that he is
seriously concerned at the drift
of events following the Labour
movement's stronger stand against
Communism, but that he intends
to stand firm.

Other members of the Labour
Party in Canberra are quoted by
the "Brisbane Telegraph" as say-
ing "we welcome this show-down."
It will show the electors that the
Labour Party and the Communists
are deadly enemies, not fellow-
travellers.

The Communist Party here still
claims a membership of 20,000
and has apparently endless funds
at its disposal. The Reds' sym-
bolism, however, is their dis-
session of some of the key posts
in Australia's biggest trade unions.

The Government now is con-
sidering special legislation to break
Communist hold on the unions by
forcing all unions to hold secret
ballots to elect their officials. It
seems the union membership will
oust the Communists swiftly if
their votes are secret—and they
are thereby protected from in-
timidation.

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NEW DECLARATION BY U.S. ON JAPAN POLICY

Eventual Restoration To The Family Of Nations TOKYO'S WIDER POWERS

Washington, May 7.

The United States declared yesterday that Japan should be given more power over its international relations as a step toward restoring Japan eventually to the family of nations.

A formal State Department policy declaration said that if Japan is given limited responsibilities in several international fields it would speed her economic recovery and help prepare it for the end of the occupation.

The specific fields suggested included trade promotion, citizenship and property problems, cultural relations, and technical and scientific arrangements and exchanges.

The further unfolding of the American policy came in a re-examination of a new State Department report on the Japanese Communist movement. The report, which was the first since the Japanese Communist Party was outlawed in 1945, said that the Japanese Communist Party is now a "serious and active force" in Japan.

General MacArthur's already turning over to the Japanese Government the responsibility for the administration of the country, the report pointed out, "has been a further relaxation of control and that only those matters which stand in the way of a peaceful transition to the end of the occupation."

The Communist Party, meanwhile, published a new policy directive giving it a "clear and definite" aim to "bring about the establishment of a democratic and peaceful government which will carry out its international responsibilities, respect the rights of other states, and support the objectives of the United Nations."

The endorsement lacked the approval of Soviet Russia, which has been a constant obstacle to American policy in Japan. Russia's representative, who was in Tokyo, said the directive was "approved" on April 26.

Agrarian Reform

The directive said that objectives of the agrarian reform should be to improve the economic status of the tenant farmer and to give him a fair share of the land. It also called for a "large-scale" redistribution of land, and for the government to "take the necessary steps to bring about a fair and equitable distribution of land."

The State Department said its policy statement was a "new beginning" in the relationship between the United States and Japan. It said the United States was "willing to relax its control over Japan's foreign and trade policies."

What was done, it is explained, was to submit a resolution last month to permit Japan under occupation supervision to attend international meetings. The Japanese also would be allowed to enter into such arrangements and agreements as other countries might be willing to conclude with their former Pacific enemy.

The proposal has run into objections from Britain, France and the Philippines, and possibly other Pacific Allies. Officials said it was submitted at this time because Japan wants to send a delegate to a meeting of the International Telecommunications Union at Geneva later this month.

Potsdam Pattern

The text of the Department's policy statement follows: "The Department has recommended to the Far Eastern Commission that, under SCAP's supervision, Japan be permitted to attend international gatherings and conventions and to participate in such international arrangements and agreements as other countries might be willing to conclude with their former Pacific enemy."

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TYPHOID OUTBREAK IN ENGLAND

A typhoid fever outbreak in an English village may reach serious proportions, the Medical Journal, The Lancet, predicted yesterday.

The disease, which broke out a week ago in Crowthorne, has caused one death and put 31 persons in hospital.

"An outbreak of considerable magnitude is to be expected and unless the source and the vehicle have been identified, it cannot be assumed that the disease will be confined to Crowthorne," the publication magazine said.

The Ministry of Health has ordered the typhoid victims confined to isolation wards and has issued instructions for all drinking water and milk to be boiled.—Associated Press.

More Pacts Wanted

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The next priority ought to cover the areas most threatened. Whether it should involve a Mediterranean Pact or a Middle Eastern Pact or both will need very careful consideration.

The three vital countries are Greece, Turkey and Persia, which march with the Southern Front of the Soviet Empire from the Adriatic to Afghanistan.

With them might well go Iraq, which, though not actually contiguous with Russia, would at once be in acute danger if Russia again penetrated Persia on the Taurus side, and which, vice versa, might play a very important strategic role in any defence of Persia by the Western Powers.

The rest of the Levantine countries have been so much disorganised by the Arab-Jewish conflict that it would probably be best to leave them out for the present, but British air bases, whether in the Suez Canal area or in Cyrenaica or in Cyprus, ought to make an important contribution to the defence of the Middle East.

One of the chief lessons of the last war was the immense advantage of having sufficient far-flung air bases ready and equipped in advance.

Other regions where parts might eventually be formed are the Indian Ocean, the Pacific and South East Asia.

The Indian Ocean is bordered by no fewer than five Commonwealth countries—South Africa, Pakistan, India, Ceylon and Australia, which with British bases in East Africa and Malaya might constitute a pact of their own.

A Pacific Pact might regularise defences as between Australia, New Zealand, Great Britain and the United States. South East Asia seems too unsettled for a pact at present.

GERMAN "SHADOW" GOVERNMENT SET UP AT BONN

Bonn, May 6.

A "Shadow Government" for Western Germany was set up here today by German politicians.

The West German Constituent Assembly decided to create an "Interim Committee" to carry on until the regular Federal Government can be formed. Two Communists were the only members opposing the motion.

There was no voice of contradiction when the Communist leader, Herr Max Reimann, exclaimed in indignant protest: "You are creating a Western German Government here and now."

The proposer of the motion, Dr. Schaeffer, of the Free Democratic (Liberal) Party, said that the purpose of the Committee will be to collect and study material for a unified legislation and to draft ordinances constituting the various Federal Ministries so that a Federal Government can start work without delay.

Herr Reimann immediately charged that the "Interim Committee" is a West German Government in disguise.

The Assembly then started the second reading of the draft Constitution in the version agreed with the Military Government and adopted by the Main Committee last night.

The reading was introduced by a report from Professor Carlo Schmid, Chairman of the Main Committee, on the results accomplished by the Committee in four readings and 55 sessions.

Four of the West German Minister Presidents—those of Hesse, Rhineland-Palatinate, Lower Saxony and Bremen—were present as the debate started and more of them are expected to arrive later.—Reuter.

MORE WARSHIPS FOR HK

London, May 6.

The Admiralty announced today that the cruiser HMS Jamaica will arrive at Hong Kong on May 31 and that four other warships will also join Britain's Far East Fleet.

The move is in line with the Defence Minister's promise to strengthen Hong Kong's defences to resist possible Communist attacks.

HMS Jamaica, now in the West Indies, will go to Hong Kong via Pearl Harbor.

The cruiser HMS Mauritius, sailing from Devonport today, will visit the Mediterranean and then join the East Indies Fleet.

Under the command of Captain T.J.N. Hilken, she will first "work up" at Malta.

The naval forces in the Pacific are also to be strengthened by the destroyer Comet, which is refitting at Devonport, and the new frigates Morecambe Bay and Mounts Bay.

The Admiralty added that HMS Comet will sail from Devonport on May 20 for Malta and then, after "working up," to the Far East.

HMS Mounts Bay, now at Chatham, is expected to leave the United Kingdom on May 18, and HMS Morecambe Bay will follow later.

COW'S QUADS

Paris, May 6.
Quads were born to a cow in the West French village of Emmerie, Vendee.
The vets report said that the Quads are normally constituted and doing very well.—Reuter.

Vyshinsky Concessions

Berlin, May 6.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Andrei Vyshinsky, is prepared to make three concessions on Germany, the American-licensed Berlin paper, "Abend," learns from Soviet Military Government circles.

The three concessions are: 1. The establishment of a Federal Republic without any Soviet stipulation on precisely when it would be set up.

2. The Soviet Union to work for a German unified currency under any conditions to put the collapsed Soviet Zone on its feet again.

3. Russia's readiness to withdraw completely from Eastern Germany, even if the four-power negotiations in Paris fail. Sources at the Soviet Headquarters at Karlshorst regard the lifting of the blockade as a mere technical affair for the transport department.

Material for the four-power conference in Paris is already under preparation and it is hoped that the Soviet Union will regain the initiative, to carry through in Paris, its plan for "unity and a just peace."—Reuter.

Heavy Fighting North Of Rangoon

Rangoon, May 6.

Two high-ranking Karen officers, deserters from the Burma Army, and 140 rebels were killed in a night-long battle around the railway town of Daiku, 78 miles North of Rangoon, tonight's communique said.

Government forces repulsed repeated night attacks by insurgents 30 miles North West of Rangoon where the insurgents are attempting a second thrust on the capital.

The communique further reported several clashes between Government troops and rebels in the Irrawaddy Delta districts of Bassein and Myingmya.

The Burma Army Radio said tonight that there are indications that white Band men, driven out of Mandalay, 500 miles North of Rangoon, are preparing for a fresh assault on the temple city.

The White Band section of the People's Volunteer Organisation joined the White Flag Communists in their revolt against Thakshin Shu's Government.

Their men are reported to be concentrating in strength at a point 12 miles North of Mandalay but Government forces are fully prepared to protect the city, the broadcast added.

Meanwhile, mopping up of White Band fighters in the Sagging hills, West of Mandalay, continues.

In a clash South of Mandalay, Government troops killed 10 Red Flag Communists and captured arms and ammunition, the Radio said.—Reuter.

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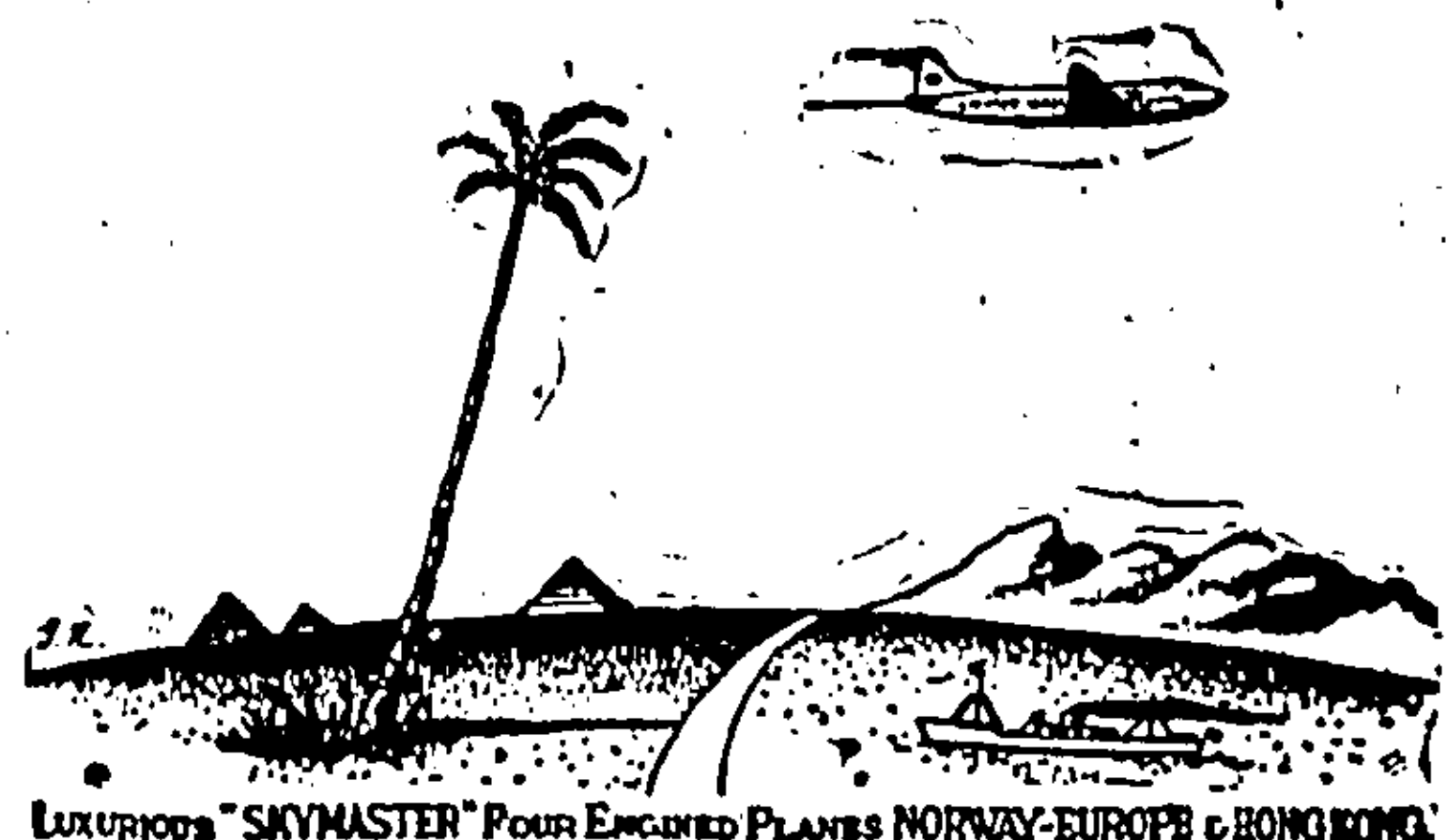
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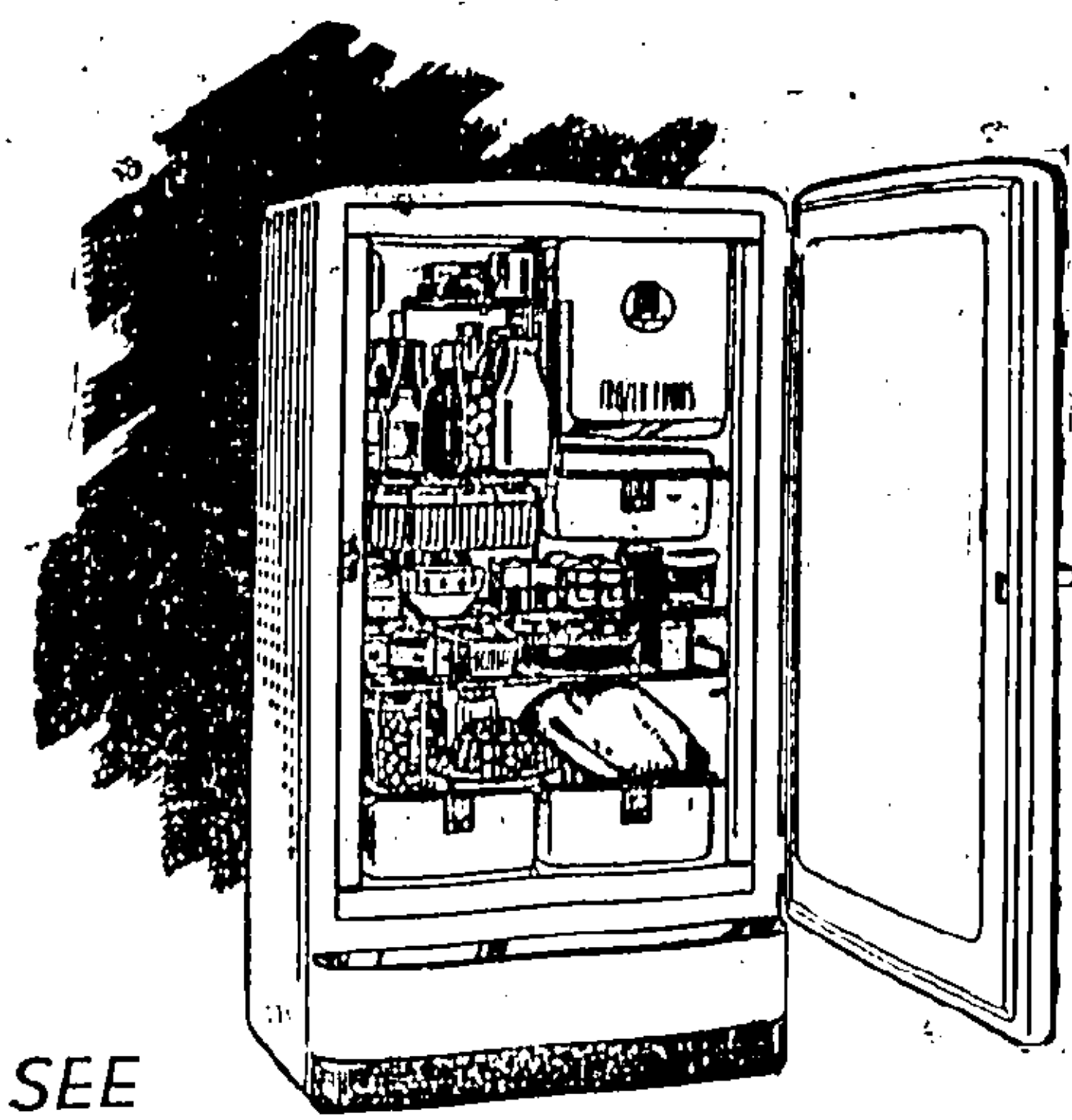
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JAPANESE CLAIM THEY'RE WESTERN, NOT FAR EASTERN

Tokyo, May 7.

A lot of very Oriental-looking Japanese believe the time has come to point out once and for all that Japan is in the Far West and not the Far East.

It's all due to the East-West cold war and the shift of world power from Europe to America.

Scots Want New Kind Of Land Links

The Scottish people of Cape Breton Island, descendants of immigrants from the Scottish Highlands a century or more ago, want to become a part of Canada geographically as well as politically.

With a federal election expected next summer, they are lobbying the Government at Ottawa to promise them action so I learn from John Marshall.

Cape Breton, of course, is a part of Canada. But it is not physically connected to the Canadian mainland. Lying off the tip of the Province of Nova Scotia, it is separated from the mainland by the Strait of Canso.

There are more than 150,000 people on Cape Breton Island, almost exclusively of Scottish origin.

For years, Cape Breton has been asking the Government to build a bridge over, or a tunnel under the Strait of Canso. At its narrowest point the strait is half a mile across. All the products of the island have to be transported by ferry across the straits, or by ship from Sydney.

The Sydney area is rich in coal, with many of the mines extending out under the Atlantic.

It also has a fine steel industry, with one being brought from Newfoundland.

But the progress of the island has been hampered by lack of a bridge over the Canso. With an election in prospect, the islanders think now is the time to get action.

The Canadian Government last year appointed a board of engineers to report on the feasibility and cost of a bridge, but it hasn't reported yet.

Most Japanese prefer to side with the Atlantic Pact nations and are afraid some people may misunderstand Japan's real feelings if people "incorrectly" keep considering Nippon as a Far Eastern nation.

Armed with maps and whirling globes, promoters of the "Far West" idea have worked out Japan's real position—West of the United States.

Actually, they say Japan is far West of the U.S.A. and America the backbone of the Western bloc.

How It Started

They note further that the idea of Japan being in the "Far East" dates back to the days when Europe was the "centre" of the world. And any Japanese who has spent 10 minutes with a G.I. knows for a fact that America is the centre of the world, to say the least.

The "Far West" idea is relatively new but the idea of reorienting Japan's position of the globe dates back even to before World War II. Some Japanese recall a movement in California to refer to Japan as the "Near West" on the theory that Japan is the nearest country to America on the West.

Not only are the Japanese worried about this "Far East" label that has been hung on their part of the world, they are worried about being "Orientals." This nervousness has been displayed in the local press.

"Mainichi" Explains

"Mainichi," Japan's leading paper, pointed out in one of its editorials that participants in the Atlantic Pact feel Soviet Russia is a country which cannot be trusted because of the West's inability to understand the "Oriental mentality" of the Soviet Union.

"Honestly speaking," the "Mainichi" hurried to explain for fear the Western nations would take the same attitude toward Japan, "we ourselves cannot understand the mentality of the Soviet Union."

It may be some time before the Japanese really take to a movement to change themselves from "Oriental" to something else, but it isn't taking long for the "Far West" idea to catch on. Perhaps one reason is that the Japanese like Western films and mentally picture themselves some sunny day on galloping broncs amid the rice paddies of the "Far West."—United Press.

FOREST FIRE

St. John's, Newfoundland.

The first forest fire of the season has been reported near St. Mary's Bay on the South coast where temperatures reached 76 degrees. There are no homes in the area.—Reuter.

Dangerous Vacuum In West Europe

Philadelphia, May 6. The Dutch Ambassador, Dr. Elco Van Kleffens, today warned against the danger of leaving Western European States in their present "unarmed" condition.

Reviewing the implications of the Atlantic Pact before a conference of the Foreign Policy Association here, Dr. Van Kleffens said: "The Western European States hope to receive help from the United States to re-arm for internal as well as external defence; they feel that there is too much of a power vacuum in the Western European countries today."—Reuter.

Amethyst Awards For Gallantry

London, May 6.

Jack Leonard French, radio operator, who kept the British ship Amethyst in touch with the world after she had run aground in the Yangtze under Chinese Communist shelling at the end of April, was today awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for "outstanding devotion to duty."

The citation, which appeared in tonight's London Gazette, said that he carried on "single-handed, continuously and without sleeping, receiving and transmitting vital wireless messages with accuracy and speed."

Amethyst's Captain, Lieutenant-Commander Bernard Skinner, who died of wounds, was given a posthumous mention in despatches—the highest recognition awarded posthumously except the Victoria Cross or the George Cross. The award was "for gallantry and devotion to duty."

Lieutenant Geoffrey Weston, who took over command of Amethyst after the death of the Commanding Officer and who refused to leave the ship though dangerously wounded, was given a bar to the Distinguished Service Cross "for gallantry and outstanding devotion to duty."

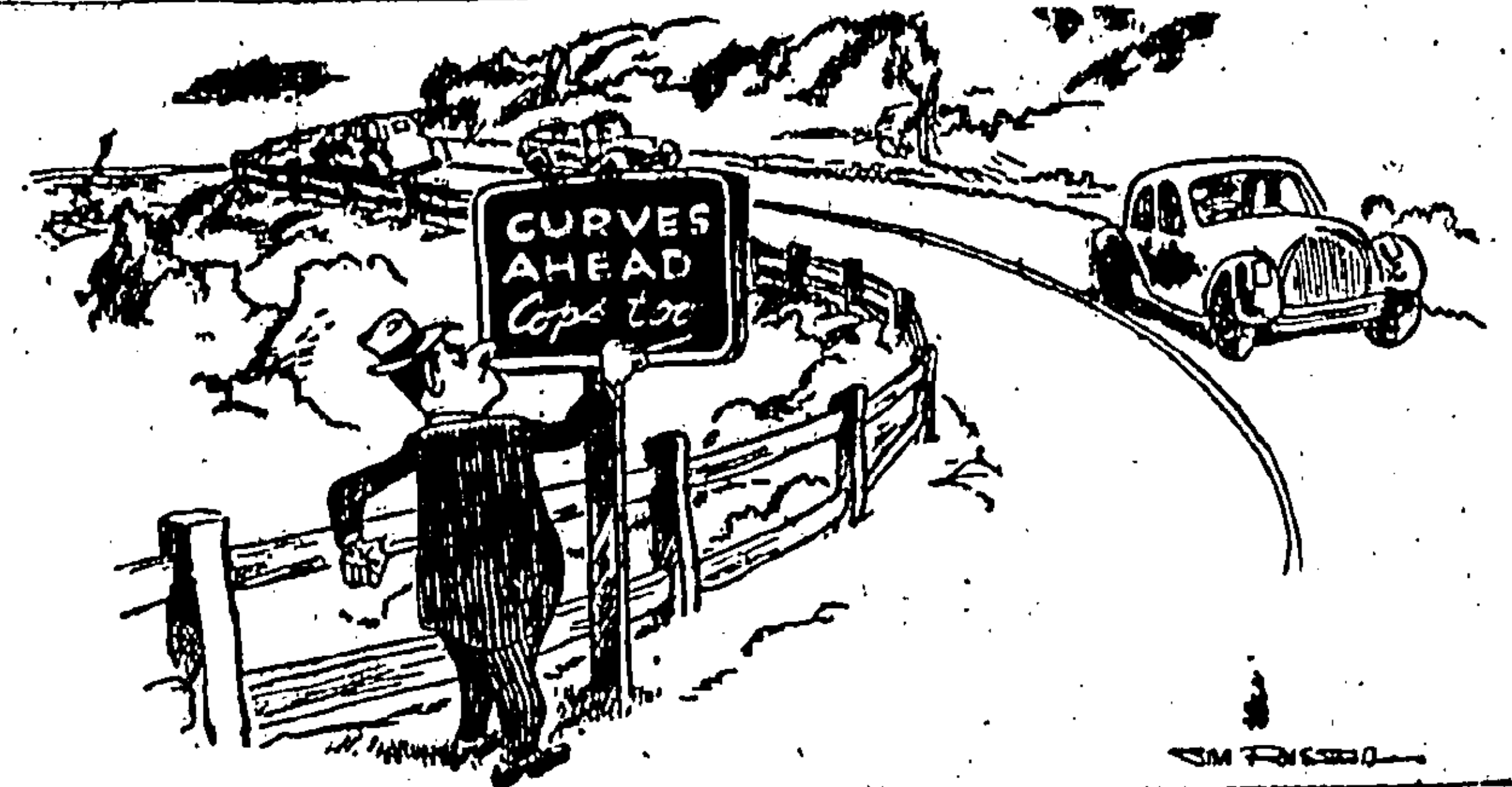
A copy of the awards is being wireless to the Far East tonight to Amethyst, in the Yangtze, and it is thought that Telegraphist French, still on the vessel, will probably take down the message of his own award.—Reuter.

WFTU PROTEST

Paris, May 6.

The Communist-dominated World Federation of Trade Unions today announced that it has protested to the British Government against the execution of M. Ganapathy, Malayan Trade Union leader, who was hanged on May 4 at Kuala Lumpur.

WFTU said it had called the attention of the United Nations to "this new violation of human liberties."—United Press.



SWEDISH GENERALS OPPOSE NEUTRALITY

Stockholm, May 7.

Swedish military leaders have joined a vociferous civilian opposition to Sweden's proclaimed policy of neutrality.

They plead for military co-operation with the West although Sweden is not a member of the Atlantic Pact. Uncomfortably close to Russia, Sweden is the only free democracy in Northern Europe outside the North Atlantic Security System.

The Swedish "Generals' opposition" includes the senior military leaders of the country.

Its highest ranking members are the Commander-in-Chief of all Swedish armed forces, General Hjalmar Jung, and General Nikolaus, chief of Sweden's Defence Staff. Their military followers are reported to be numerous.

The differ from civilian critics of neutrality by not urging the outright incorporation of Sweden in the North Atlantic Alliance. Such claims are reportedly being made by some of the largest Liberal papers here, including the "Dagens Nyheter," with a circulation of 250,000. Their Parliamentary support, however, so far numbers less than half a dozen members.

Swedish Government leaders are not too enthusiastic about the public statements by the generals. There have been no attempts, though, to muzzle these outspoken military men.

Must Have Aid

This is, in brief, the thesis propounded by the generals in opposition to the Government.

Sweden is capable of fighting a delaying action against the Russians single-handed for a rather long time. But she cannot escape Russian occupation without military aid from the West in case she is attacked in order that such aid be swift and efficient it must be prepared in peacetime.

Their thesis has this corollary: Scandinavia via constitutes a strategic unit. That Sweden should co-operate militarily with Norway and Denmark even after they have joined the Atlantic Pact.

The whole controversy between the generals and the Government is revolving around the key phrase: "Military aid, prepared in peacetime."

Swedish Government leaders reject that such preparations would be tantamount to tilting the parties in a future conflict.

Something New For Smugglers

In Mexico ingenuity has been taxed to its limits by gold smugglers with something new in the way of smuggling.

Gold, explains Cecil Clark, while bringing fantastic prices in Europe's black markets, still sells at its international value in Mexico. As a result, scarcely a week passes without someone being arrested trying to smuggle gold coins out of the country. The export of such coins is forbidden without a permit—and permits are never granted.

Occasionally, smugglers attempt to "run" money out of the country by plane or ship, directly to Spain or Italy. Now, however, there is a new smuggler's gateway—through Guatemala on Mexico's Southern border.

Along this border is the chicle region where both Guatemala and Mexico produce much of the raw material used in making chewing-gum. Into this chicle go the gold coins that claim such a high price abroad. Once over the border, the coins are extracted from the chicle and shipped freely to Europe. Should one of the smugglers be careless in his checking—there may still be gold in that penny packet of chewing-gum.

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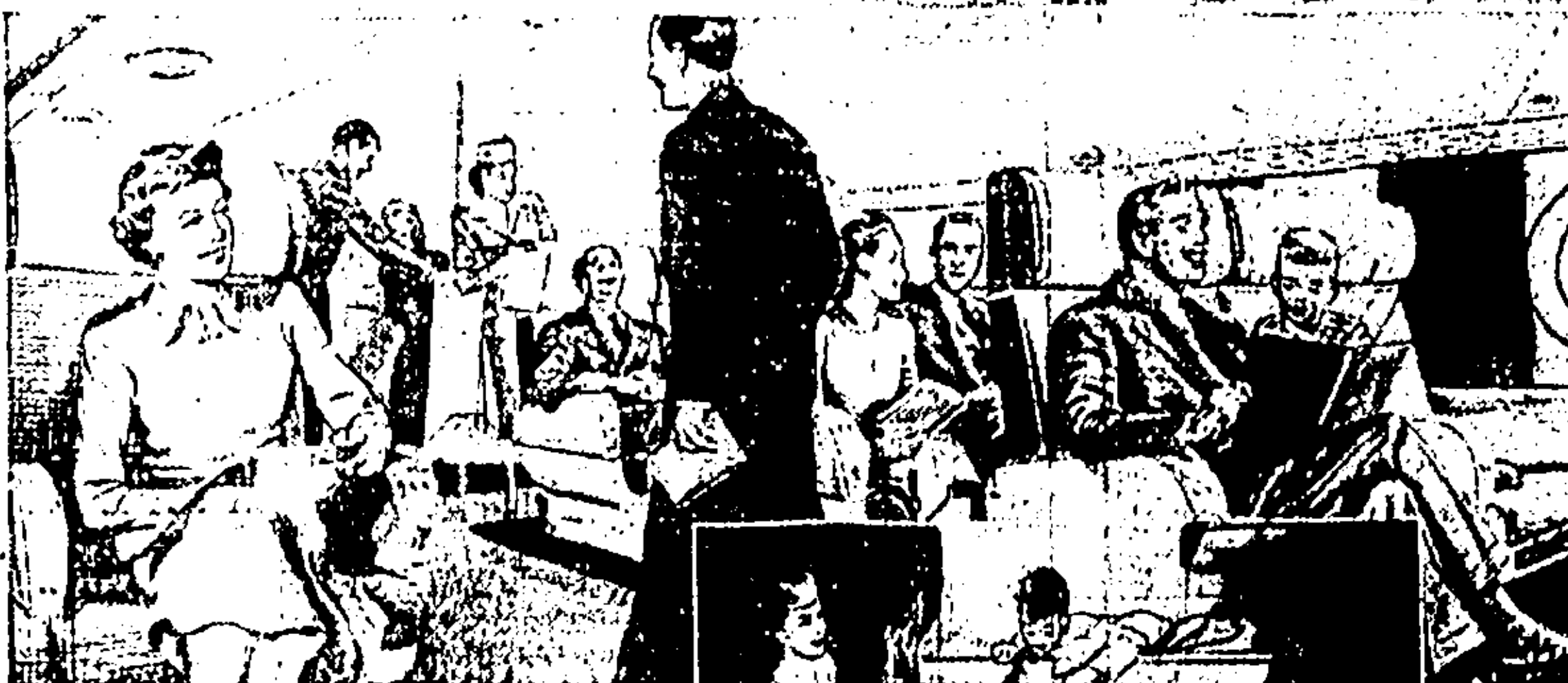
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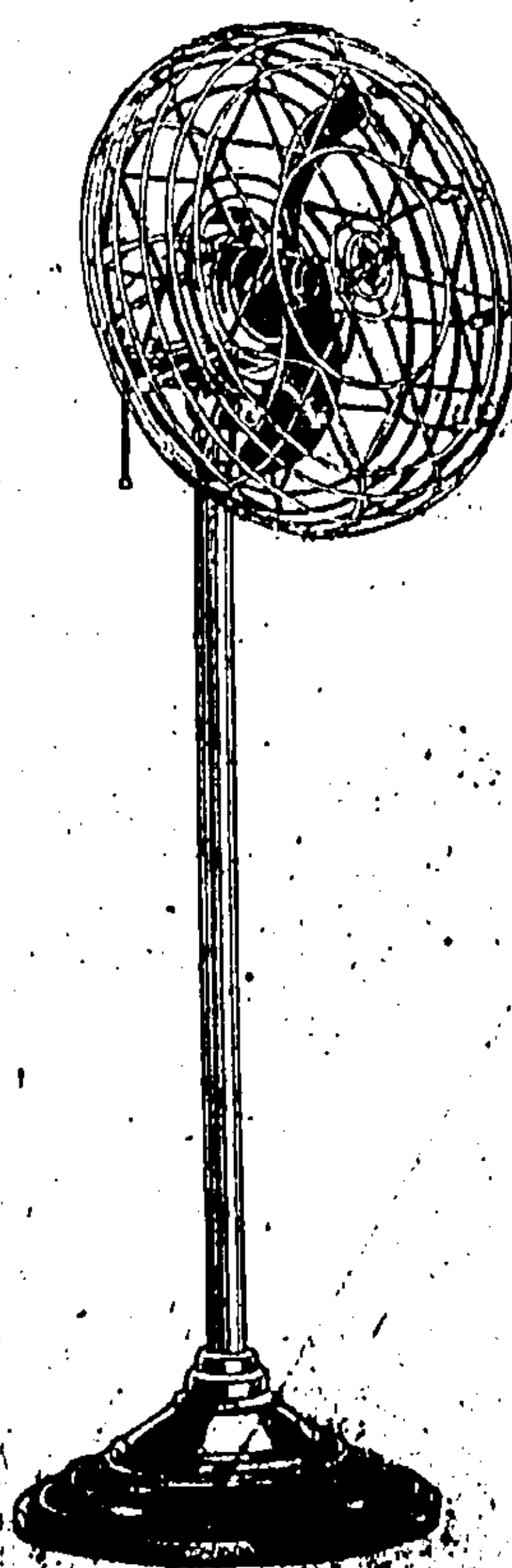
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FIRESIDE ECHOES

THE FOREIGN COMMUNITY

During June of the same year, a British subject, Mr. Glen, arrived to take up residence and to exchange imported goods for tea. He was a daring man, for, in those days, all Foochow teas, except for local consumption, went overland to Canton for export and all piece-goods destined for the Foochow market came from Amoy. Whilst endeavouring to overcome many logistical difficulties concerned with both businesses, a mob broke into his premises during the following year and carried away his entire stock of piece-goods—no mean sum in sterling—which so discouraged him that he quit. Incidentally, he nearly lost his life too in trying to save his stocks.

But this is not the only recorded instance of foreigners receiving such treatment at the hands of the local populace. Records of this period relate that Cantonese merchants, arriving either accompanied by merchandise or without it, or their agents were heavily fined, or imprisoned; Cantonese being looked upon, in those days, with equal suspicion, as presumably, their members made up the interpreters and, certainly, shop followers, chamberlains, money-changers and so forth, as such were port was opened. Many have been the historical and bloody fights between the Cantonese and the inhabitants of Pagoda Anchorage in the history of Man-of-war also the battle between the "landed" and the "floating" gentry, to which I shall later refer. Indeed, your Foochow gentleman throughout history is a Generalized Plaque, no matter in what position in life, and, being Fukienese-born himself and a lover of Fukien and Things-Fukienese, I may be pardoned when I write I believe this platted nature has robbed many a Fukien's illustrious Son from attaining highest government positions, I mean, beyond the Secretariat.

Mr. Aleck was transferred to Shanghai in 1846 and Mr. R. B. Jackson was in charge of the British Consulate from August of that year to 1850.

Roman Catholic Mission

It was during 1846 that the Roman Catholic Mission was started by the arrival of the first missionary, a Spanish priest, attending by a few months the arrival of the Rev. Stephen Johnson to commence work on behalf of the American Board Mission, who was joined by the Rev. and Mrs. L. P. Peet a few months later. Both those families started off at great advantage in being able to speak the Amoy dialect, having worked among Amoyene in Siam for a number of years. Following the Rev. Johnson, two

Swedish Lutheran missionaries, Frost and Elquist by name, arrived; but this mission was abandoned not long afterwards when Frost was murdered while on his way to the mouth of the river to cash gold drafts aboard an opium ship. With the arrival of the Peet family in the autumn of 1847 there also appeared the Rev. J. D. Collins and the Rev. and Mrs. M. C. White to found the Methodist Episcopal Church in Fookien. The Rev. Collins opened a school with eight pupils a few

By WILLIAM M.S. BRAND

months after his arrival and this modest beginning is responsible for the mission school system in Fookien today. The Rev. White took up residence in a Chinese house previously rented by the Rev. Peet at the West or upper end of Middle Island and here commenced medical work, little dreaming it would grow to the proportions it has in this province today. It was also the Rev. Collins, in company with a fellow

worker, who is recorded as having attempted the first inland journey during January, 1848. They went as far as Shukow. During May, 1850, the Rev. R. D. Jackson and W. Walton arrived on behalf of the Church Missionary Society.

Up to this time, with the exception of the British Consul, no foreigner was permitted to live within the walled City. Frowned Upon

It was during 1850, however, that the British Consul induced the officials to allow part of a temple on Black Rock Hill to the Rev. Jackson and Walton; but this arrangement was frowned upon by both the City gentry and the temple authorities and many unfortunate incidents occurred, which only the medical work of the Rev. Walton saved from becoming a really serious affair. The City gentry were behind this agitation and finally the rent which had been paid in advance was returned with the officials begging the Consul to order the tenants to remove. After much palaver it was agreed they should move to another temple and all was serene till the spring of 1851 when a crowd attacked the premises, looting or destroying the furniture. A friendly priest gave refuge to the Rev. Walton and although other troubles followed, the Rev. Walton's popularity as a doctor enabled him finally to purchase a plot of land on Black Rock Hill, where missionaries lived for 25 years. This is the first record of land purchase by foreigners within the walled City. In 1850 the Rev. W. L. Richards, of the American Board Mission, pur-

chased land and built thereupon at Wen Shan, half-way into the City from the Long Bridge, the site of the present Girls' School; but the purchase was so fraught with trouble and anxiety that the Rev. Richards never recovered and died at sea on his way to America in 1851. This is the first record of land purchase by foreigners outside the City limits.

Until the opening of the American Consulate in 1854, both American and Spanish affairs were cared for by the British Consul.

The Tai Ping Rebellion swept over China between 1850 and 1851. In Fookien nearly all of the Upper Min river cities and towns were captured and plundered in the early stages of this uprising, which swept from Shauwa to Yangking (now called Nanking). The neighbouring province of Kiangsi had been completely overrun by the rebels. Between the two

Second Foreign Merchant

Shortly after 1850, the second foreign merchant, a Mr. Compton, arrived from Canton with a stock of piece-goods. These he successfully disposed of and with the proceeds bought and shipped 255 piculs of tea from Foochow to England, thus becoming the first foreign merchant to effect the shipping of tea from Foochow. So many were the difficulties to be contended with that Mr. Compton became discouraged and soon left Foochow.

During the year 1853, Russell & Co., an American firm at Canton, sent agents to Foochow to examine the tea market. They were warmly received by the officials and eventually travelled up-country, made their purchases there, escorted the cargo down to Pagoda Anchorage, where it was loaded direct aboard their own vessels. This greatly encouraged the firm, who opened an office and thus became the first firm to locate permanently at Foochow. Their manager, Mr. D. O. Clark, became the first American Consular Agent appointed in Foochow.

The following year, 1854, the trade in tea rose to 130,000 piculs and grew steadily in volume and in profits, till in 1864, the export of this commodity was worth

£4,000,000 almost 50% of which was profit.

Following the lead given by Russell & Co., the British firms of Dent & Co., Jardine, Matheson & Co., Gilman & Co. and others arrived to open offices.

In 1854 the first land was purchased by a British subject on the island of Nantai, thus commencing the transformation of what was an immense grave-yard into the present pleasant residential centre. It was Mr. Holy, of Dent & Co., who registered this purchase.

With the arrival of the firms just mentioned, Middle Island became the Foreign Business Centre. Dent & Co. and John Foster & Co. established themselves at the upper end of the island, with Jardine, Matheson & Co. the lower or East end. The residences were wooden bungalows on the Hill (Cheng Chien San) overlooking the river.

A Social Centre

By the autumn of 1856 there were sufficient foreigners to warrant establishing a social and a recreational centre. Ground was purchased in that year and regis-



The first residence to be built at Foochow with a flat roof (1901): Henry Shelley Brand's "Hing Eu" on the Hill just below the Foochow Club.

HONG KONG TRADES ON A RAZOR'S EDGE

By G. WARD PRICE

Flying above the mainland of Eastern Asia, one looks down everywhere on trouble.

Civil war and banditry, Communism and terrorism are the various afflictions in all that territory between the Bay of Bengal and the Sea of Japan.

Tain is the biggest disturbed area in the world. Burma and Indonesia, Malaya and Indo-China, Siam and China itself make up a region of 5,000,000 square miles, with 650,000,000 inhabitants.

More Unrest

And if one could strain one's eyes far enough Eastwards, they would sight more unrest even, in the Philippines, where ex-Revolutionary bands, known as Huk-balahaps, have declared their Communist sympathies and occasionally waylay road travellers, even close to Manila.

One tiny spot in the vast expanse is safe, peaceful and prosperous. You can hardly find it on a small-scale map, but its importance is out of all proportion to its size. Over it flies the Union Jack, and its name is Hong Kong.

What is the basis of the tremendous boom that Hong Kong is enjoying? First of all, the fairness and strictness of British law.

The reason why Hong Kong has become the centre of business and principal outlet for trade over a Chinese hinterland with a radius of 500 miles is that the native merchants of that territory do not trust their own fellow-citizens to keep, or their own courts to enforce, a contract.

Trade is the lifeblood of the Chinese. He is ashamed to have money lying idle. He must be always buying or selling. And Hong Kong is the only place where he can register with confidence the deals which this involves.

Moreover, in the interior of China the display of riches is to invite expropriation by either the Government authorities, or bandits, whereas in Hong Kong the luxuries that wealth brings can be enjoyed with security.

Spacious houses, costly clothes, rich jewels, and big cars are the commonplace of existence in that tiny island under the protection of His Majesty's Government.

But though Hong Kong's 2,000,000 inhabitants are nearly all Chinese, there is also an extremely

keen and alert British business community which is constantly seeking new outlets for its energies.

No Competition

Post-war developments have favoured such expansion. Japan's commercial competition has been greatly reduced by defeat. Shanghai, Hong Kong's North China competitor, is reduced in its activities by the near approach of the Communist armies and uncertainties about the future.

Hong Kong has been quick to take advantage of these conditions. It has led the way in establishing trade relations on a harter basis with the Chinese Reds, who occupy Tientsin.

There is no doubt that if the Chinese Communists were to succeed in establishing their authority over the whole country they would soon be demanding the retrocession of Hong Kong.

The Chinese Nationalist Government, weak and hard-pressed as it is, makes no secret of its desire to regain possession of an island that, when it was ceded to Britain in the earlier part of the nineteenth century, had only 4,000 inhabitants, all poor (Chinese), and was contemptuously described by the Chinese Government of that time as being a "penguin's nest."

It is to be hoped that the readiness with which other British territories in Asia have been abandoned—sometimes, as in the case of Burma, with disastrous results for their native peoples—will not be renewed in the case of Hong Kong.

If a plebiscite of its Chinese inhabitants—who can come in from the mainland without any formality—were taken, it is certain that they would vote unanimously for the continuance of the present regime—from Dr. T. V. Soong, the multi-millionaire brother-in-law of Chiang Kai-shek, who lives there in luxury and safety, to the humble sampan-dweller of the water-front.

Long Lease

Renewal by the Chinese of the lease of the territory on the mainland opposite is another matter—but that is a problem that is not due to arise for about 40 years. The contrast between this little paradise of security and the woe of conditions surrounding it is constantly forcing itself on the attention.

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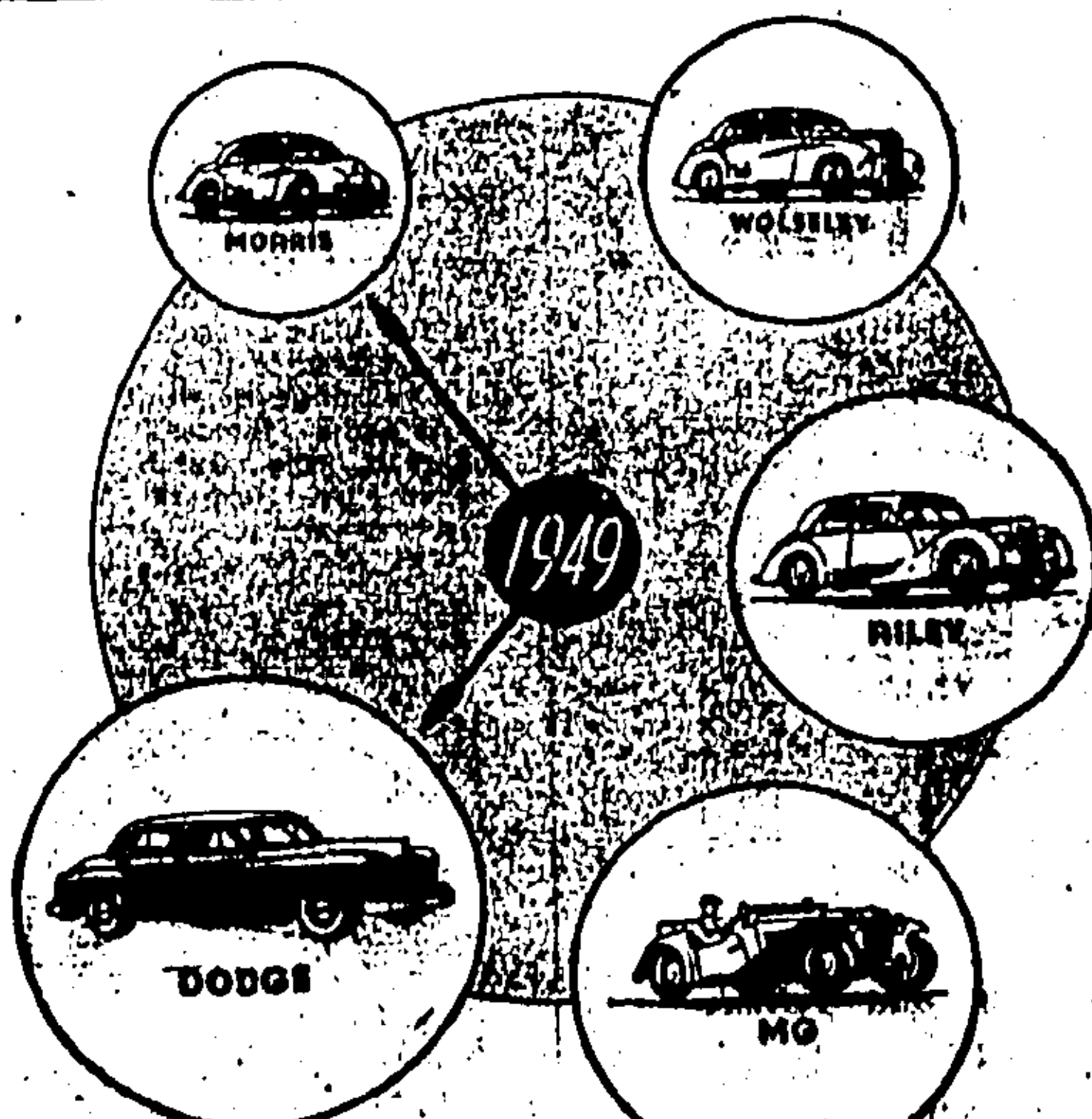
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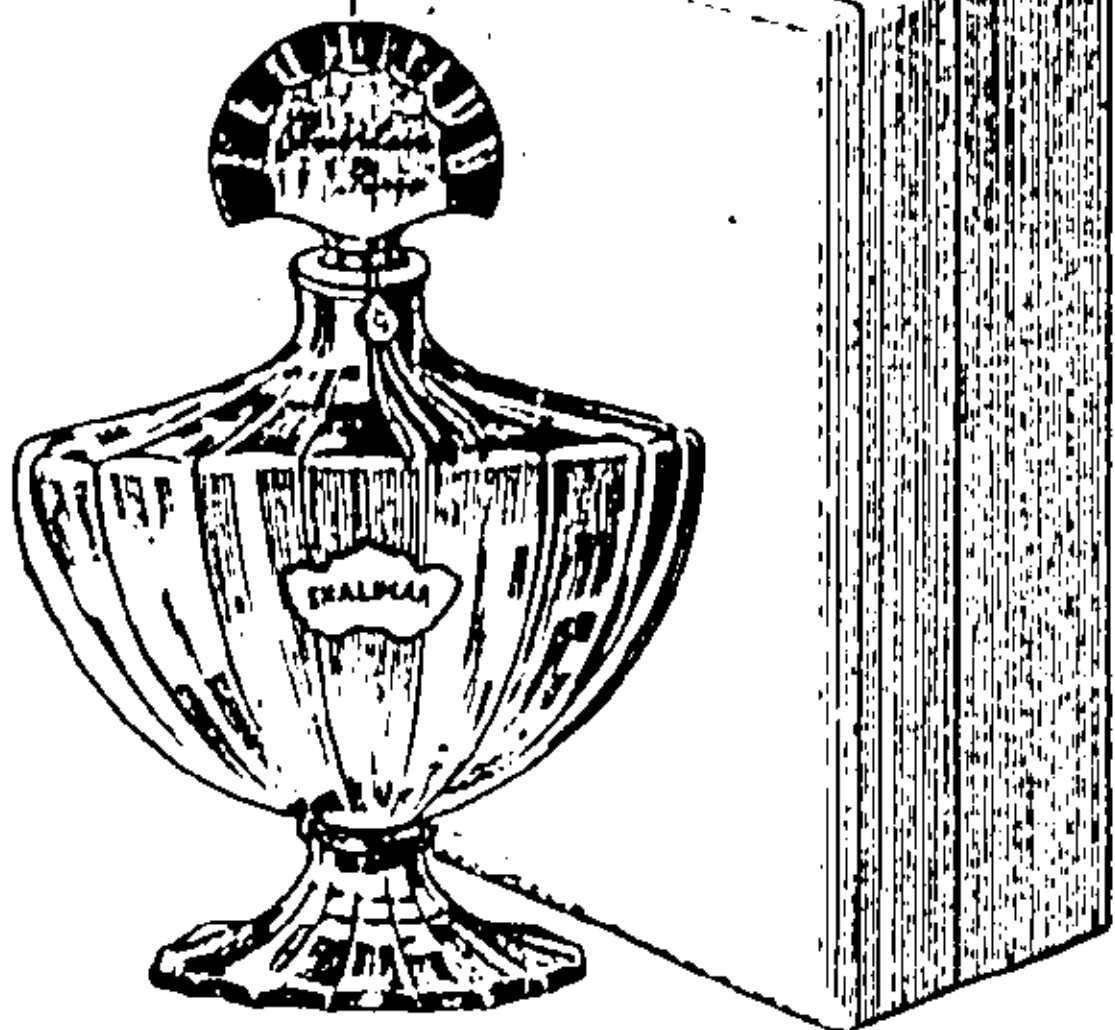
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PROPAGANDA WAR WITH THE U.S.S.R.

London, May 6.

The United States, Britain and Russia are stepping up the East-West propaganda war by increasing their foreign language broadcasts this summer.

The British Broadcasting Corporation and the "Voice of America" are making a joint effort to defeat a set of very powerful stations conducting a jamming operation on a scale as large as any organised by the Nazis during the war, a BBC announcement said.

Freight War At An End

London, May 6.

Delegates who last night reached a settlement in the Indian shipping conference. Freight war was today sworn to the closest secrecy about the details.

This became apparent today when an intensive campaign of the companies concerned failed to add anything to last night's announcement that the "war" is at an end and that the Dutch lines are returning to the Karamah Conference.

Informed sources, however, indicate that a compromise had been reached between the Dutch claim to 50 per cent of the trade and the views of the other companies.

The nature of the compromise was not disclosed. The Chairman of the Conference, Mr. W. J. Gordon, said that everyone went home satisfied, even if not happy.

Hong Kong Trades On A Razor's Edge

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Pirates infest the Chinese coast within sight of the docks and naval base of Hong Kong. Rich Chinese, who pay £15,000 for a house on the Peak, which before the war could have been bought for £2,000, never venture out for a day's sailing.

"They know too well what ruthless, greedy eyes gaze longingly from the mainland at this little spot of British territory. Hong Kong now claims to have the fourth busiest airport in the world—despite the fact that it is a nerve-racking place to land, the airfield being sandwiched in between the sea and high, bare, rugged hills, so that in landing or taking off in a landward direction one could almost touch the cruel rocks below as the aircraft glides in or gains height, while in taking off to seaward the big machine has to run to the very edge of the water before it gains sufficient speed to lift.

When I set out to fly across Southern China on my way to India, along a route little used by European travellers—the better-known air lines being worked up I was told that the flight would take me over one of the most bandit-ridden districts in China.

Chinese Scholar

But the security of Hong Kong develops the cultural side of the Chinese character—which contrasts so sharply with the commercial instincts of the Japanese. As I crossed by ferry to Kowloon, in the Leased Territory, an elderly Chinese sitting next to me was talking to a spectacled boy, and occasionally breaking the flow of his own language with English phrases like "space-time continuum" and "molecular theory."

On a penny steamer this modest-looking Chinese citizen was apparently discoursing on the latest principles of modern physics.

Moscow Radio will, at the same time, be sending more English language broadcasts at Britain—the transmissions jumping from 16½ to 19 hours weekly—and to North America—increased from 14 to 20 hours, according to schedules picked up here.

A statement issued by the BBC said that, in order to maintain the principle of freedom of information, the Corporation and the American "Voice of America" are jointly considering what can be done to circumvent this intentional interference.

The BBC statement said that intermittent interference had been observed for some months past, but on April 25, a set of very powerful jamming stations started an offensive against all broadcasts of the BBC and the Voice of America in the Russian language.

"This shows every sign of being a jamming operation as large as any organised by the Nazis during the war. The effect has been to obliterate the programmes in Russian from London and New York."

The BBC said that, in reply to the jamming, two additional transmissions of 30 minutes will be introduced as a start. In these transmissions the BBC will send programmes on a total of 25 transmitters.

To The East

Simultaneously the Voice of America will transmit programmes on a total of 23 short-wave transmitters at one time and 35 short-wave transmitters and one medium-wave at the other.

It is hoped that the effect of this joint effort will be to make both the BBC and the Voice of America Russian services available to listeners, at all events, on some of the large number of wavelengths which will be in use," the statement said.

This expanded joint effort will be brought into effect on Saturday, May 7.

Moscow Radio. This Summer is aiming more English language broadcasts at India and Pakistan and has dropped its Hindustani transmissions.

Broadcasts in English to the Indian sub-continent have been increased from four hours a week to seven hours a week. Programmes in Indonesian and Malay remain this summer at three and a half hours a week.—Reuter.

COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY

Washington, May 6.

Senator Homer Ferguson (Republican) claimed today that American Communists are pouring millions of dollars into "Iron Curtain" nations to help finance "conspiratorial activities against us."

He added: "If they succeed in destroying us, they will find their way to world conquest open."

Senator Ferguson's remarks were in a prepared statement to a Senate Judiciary Sub-Committee, which is studying his Bill and other measures designed to curb the activities of Communists and Communist-sponsored organisations in the United States.—Reuter.

PONTIFF EXTENDING VATICAN INFLUENCE

Vatican City, May 7.

Ever since Pope Pius XII held the first consistory of his pontificate in February, 1946, his efforts have been aimed at increasing the international influence and prestige of the Roman Catholic Church.

Although elevated to the see of St. Peter's in 1939, the spiritual leader of an estimated 400,000,000 Catholics throughout the world refused to appoint new cardinals during the war in sign of mourning.

Shortly after the war, Pope Pius XII departed radically from tradition in elevating 32 cardinals from 19 different countries. For hundreds of years the roster of cardinals had been heavily Italian and almost completely European.

A statement issued by the Holy See that consistory for the first time in four centuries the Italian majority was broken.

Many Changes Made

It was in the Sacred College of Cardinals that the "Pontiff" showed his intention of giving the Roman Catholic Church a supranational character.

The same spirit of supranationalism also characterised the Roman congregations, offices and tribunals in the Vatican and even the highly-sealed secretariat of state which once was 100 per cent in the hands of Italian ecclesiastics.

Today, well over 25 per cent of the personnel in those key ecclesiastic positions are non-Italian.

But where the supranationalisation of the church proceeds more rapidly is in the pontifical diplo-

macy. Almost half of the personnel in that field are non-Italian, as are also a large part of the titulars.

Six Italian papal nuncios at present are marking time in the Vatican corridors at the disposal of the secretariat of state.

Four Britons

In the vast field of diplomacy, once almost 100 per cent Italian, 16 non-Italians are holding important diplomatic posts. Three of them are Americans—Msgr. Louis Muench, at present in Germany; Msgr. Joseph Hurley, Yugoslavia; and Msgr. Gerald O'Hara, Roumania.

The other non-Italians include four Britons, three Belgians, three French, two Dutch, one German and one Irish.

The latter is Msgr. John Collins, archbishop of the diocese of Liberia. According to usually well-informed Vatican circles, Msgr. Collins may be appointed soon to the important post of nuncio to Ireland.

The German is Msgr. Michael Schullien, apostolic visitor to Sarre, of which he is a native.—United Press.

Four Swedish Ships In Collisions

London, May 6.

Four Swedish ships were today involved in mishaps—three in British waters and one in France, according to Lloyds Shipping Intelligence.

The 1,938-ton Swedish steamer Carbona, which arrived at Harwich, Essex, with all 13 crewmen of the German 777-ton steamer Gerhardt which was sunk in collision with the Swedish vessel off the Essex coast on Wednesday night.

The Carbona, which has a cargo of coal (not cement as previously reported) for Portugal is owned by Billners Rederi and registered at Gothenburg.

The 2,566-ton Swedish motor vessel Anita was damaged on her starboard side yesterday when she came in collision with the 4,758-ton Portuguese steamer Saudades.

The damage is being surveyed. It is not known whether the Saudades, which left for Antwerp, was damaged.

The Anita is registered at Stockholm.

The 3,459-ton Swedish motor vessel Kalturna is believed to have been damaged extensively by a fire which broke out last night in the crew's quarters in dock at Port Talbot, Glamorganshire, Wales. The local fire brigade put out the fire on the ship which is registered at Stockholm.

A Lloyds message received in London from Bordeaux said that the 3,184-ton Swedish motor vessel Vingaren was today refloated in the River Gironde near Bordeaux after grounding yesterday.

The ship is reported to have sailed at noon without extensive damage but a diver and floating crane recovered an anchor and chain which the vessel lost in the accident.

BEETHOVEN MS

Paris, May 6.

A manuscript attributed by a local expert to Ludwig van Beethoven, the composer, has been found in Tours Music Academy archives, Agence France Presse reported. The manuscript, dated 1827, the year Beethoven died.

The Agency said it contains fragments of themes and marginal notes, one of which recorded that the deaf composer's hearing apparatus was "working better."—Reuter.

MOVE FOR PEACE IN GREEK WAR

Washington, May 7.

The U.S. State Department yesterday reported that a Greek Communist leader has applied for permission to come to New York to talk to the United Nations about peace with the Greek Government.

The Press Officer, Michael McDermott, said that the matter has been referred to the Department of Justice for a ruling. The application came from Miltiades Porphyrogenis, who has the title of Minister of Justice in the Communist-proclaimed government. He applied for a visa in Prague, where he spends most of his time.

The State Department earlier denied him permission to attend the recent Communist-inspired "peace conference" in New York. Porphyrogenis told reporters in Prague that Greek Communists are willing to negotiate for peace with the Greek Government and that he wants to fly to Lake Success to arrange negotiations.

At Lake Success, Vladimir Houdek, the Czech delegate, asked Dr. Herbert V. Ewart,

a telegram to "undertake" the President of the Assembly, in immediately all necessary steps with the U.S. authorities for the purpose of granting an entry visa to Porphyrogenis. M. Houdek said: "As you were already informed, Porphyrogenis intends to come to the U.S. without delay in order to establish personal contact with you as President of the Assembly during the present session in the interests of a peaceful settlement of the Greek question."

M. Houdek asked for quick action in view of the Assembly's plan to adjourn on May 14. He said that he had talked to Dr. Ewart several times about the plan and the Czech Foreign Minister, V. Clementis, had seen Dr. Ewart on April 30 on the subject.—Associated Press.

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Belgium, Egypt and Ecuador supported a Bolivian proposal that United Nations members should have the right to send Ambassadors to Madrid. The Committee adjourned until later.—Reuter.

U.S. TRAINING RESERVISTS

Washington, May 6.

The Air Force today launched an expanded reserve programme designed to triple the number of reservists receiving training.

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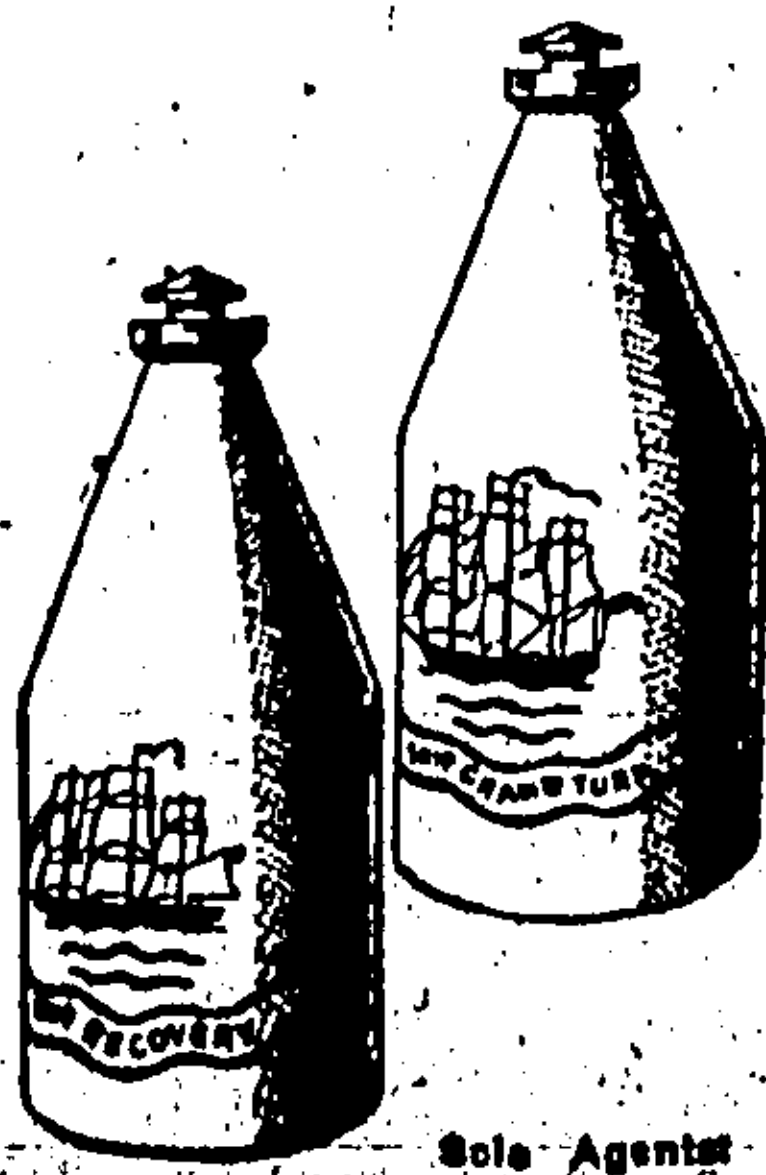
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Or did they work for Marjorie? And if they did, what was her connection with Sylvia, Harling's secretary? Pat glanced quickly at the girl who was watching the awkward Tond come through the window. She was smiling with seeming satisfaction. So they work for her.

But as they came toward him, lying on the floor beside Marjorie, he knew that the problem of for whom the goons worked was no longer important.

CHAPTER FIVE

The two goons advanced warily with guns drawn. "So we get ya agin, Shamus Raffigan!" sneered Tond. "Go help the lady up, Wip." "I'm forced to do a very ungentlemanly thing," Raffigan told the blonde as he twisted her arm, pulling her into a sitting position between himself and the two gunmen. "First time I ever hid behind a lady's skirts," he said. "But I find it's not as bad as I've heard."

Marjorie, hitting back at him with her head, struck against his shoulder. "You'll hurt yourself," he warned. "Be still, baby, and you won't get hurt. I got business right now with Tond and Wip."

"Dat's right," Tond said. "We're takin' care of ya, this time Raffigan, but right."

"Don't try it," Pat said. "You wouldn't want to hurt your boss, would you? You're going to have to hurt her to get to me."

Tond rumbled: "She ain't my boss, Mister. Justs soon shoot her as you." Pat felt the girl tremble. Where was the smug smile now?

Wip was almost upon them when Pat reached far for Marjorie's tiny gun on the floor about the same moment Wip did.

Wip lifted his foot to bring the heel down across Pat's wrist as Pat grabbed the baby gat and fired.

For a moment or two, Wip stared horrified upon Pat and Marjorie, then crumpled across them.

The way he fell afforded a shield against the expected slugs from Tond's gun.

Cummings was now shouting and pounding on the door. Pat knew that the hall was probably crowded with the curious. But he didn't have much time to worry about that as Tond was bringing the muzzle of his gun down upon them.

Marjorie screamed as Pat fired first, then she fainted. He felt her body shiver, and relax, against him. He released her arm.

Tond's gun was blown from his hand. He looked for an amazed second at his bleeding hand, then dived for the fire escape.

Pat pulled free of the dead weight of Marjorie's body and hurled himself in a long flying tackle across the room. He crashed against the window sill, his hands closing around Tond's ankle.

The goon tried to hit at Raffigan's hands but Pat kept pulling until Tond, turning half in and half out of the window, squirmed around and aimed a kick at Raffigan's face.

Pat saw the heavy shoe coming hands but Pat kept pulling until Tond, turning half in and half out of the window, bracing his feet against the wall.

Tond missed the kick, lost his balance and sprawled into the room atop of Pat, grunting and swearing, his large hands flailing his foe as kick at Raffigan's face.

Pat stepped inside, those wildly swinging arms and drove a short hard left into Tond's bulging body.

The air exploded out of the gunman and, as he folded, Raffigan hit him in the face. Tond tried to go down, but Pat refused to allow him to escape prompt punishment so cheaply. He used all his strength to

Our Serial Story

WHAT HAPPENED IN SUITE 421

By Harry Whittington

prop the man up before him as he remembered the slugging in Sylvia's car, the attack in the station wash-room. Pat kept punching until his red hot passion subsided. Then he stood panting for a few moments, looking down at the beaten goon.

Suddenly he heard shoulders driven hard against the apartment door. And the night was split by police sirens.

Raffigan felt his heart pound. Dropping Marjorie's automatic into his coat pocket and leaving her on the floor, he stepped through the window and went down the fire escape as the shrill of police sirens increased.

A long, black automobile was parked across the street from the Arbor Apartments. With the tiny automatic concealed in his right palm, Raffigan went warily across to it. A rear door of the car opened and Harling stepped out, handing Raffigan an envelope.

"Here's that 1000 dollars, Mr. Raffigan," he said. "Sylvia and I came here with my chauffeur. When you didn't come out, I sent him for the police."

"Where is Sylvia?" Pat asked. "She went across to the Arbor Apartments looking for you."

Raffigan remarked, "If she's there, everybody you want is in that building."

The street was alive with searchlights, police and patrol cars. A city detective came up to them.

"I've found the body of Mr. Harling's son, Rodney," Raffigan told him. Pat regretted the bluntness of his announcement, but there was no way to spare the heart broken old man.

Three policemen, the detective and a police photographer accompanied Harling and Raffigan up the apartment elevator to the fourth floor.

They met Cummings alone in the hallway. He appeared cool, immaculate, unruffled. Raffigan thought: What trick was the hotel manager planning now?

"Take him along," Pat said to the detective, "and go to 421. The body is there."

Cummings shrugged the policeman's hand from his arm, smiling smugly at Raffigan. "Are you insane?" he inquired silkily. "421 is vacant. It's the only vacancy in the building!"

CHAPTER SIX

Raffigan grinned grimly. "I don't think 421 is quite vacant," he said. "I left it five minutes ago all but littered with dead and dying."

Cummings shrugged, produced a key.

"It won't work," Pat said. "The bolt is pushed on the inside."

The hotel manager regarded him pityingly as he twisted the key in the lock and the door opened easily.

Raffigan stared in amazement. The room was immaculate. The picture of Rodney Harling was gone. There was no sign of the fight. The bedroom was neat. Not even the expensive evening gown remained. There was no trace of Rodney's corpse.

The city detective looked at Pat narrowly.

"Of course they've cleaned it out," Raffigan said hollowly. "Miss Gammage must have opened the door for Cummings, maybe Tond. But they're in this building somewhere. Have the police search the whole place!"

"Without a warrant?" Cummings inquired softly. "Most tenants would object. I think this man is insane, officer. I think you'd better take him away."

Raffigan waited no longer. He grabbed Cummings, suddenly and hurled him as hard as he could send him against the detective. Before anyone else in the room could stop him, Pat sped through the door slamming it.

The stairway was before him, but he ran beyond it. The elevator stood open, but he sped past it. He ran along the hall until he threw open a closet door. At first only piles of towels, pillow cases and sheets met his hurried gaze. Then he saw the skull-and-cross bones label of a potent acid. He remembered the burn on his neck.

He grabbed up the dangerous bottle and ran again, leaving the closet doors ajar. A bullet sang over his head. They were giving him a chance to stop running.

Pat knew the next one would not miss.

The service elevator stood open. Cummings must have come up on it and had left it open in his haste to get back to Suite 421 before the police did.

Raffigan jumped into it. Slammed the door and pressed the button marked basement. On the elevator floor he noticed hastily scrubbed drops of blood.

In the basement, Pat stepped out and, to keep the lift from answering any calls, wedged a broken chair into the door. But he knew there were other ways to reach the basement.

In minutes he'd be caught here. And there was no sign of the things he sought. The body must be somewhere in the building, but he couldn't find it. And he thought: given a little more time, Cummings would cleverly dispose of all incriminating evidence.

CHAPTER SEVEN

Then Pat's keen eyes saw a green feather and a bell clanged joyfully in his mind. Marjorie's hat! He'd loosened that feather in his roll with her on her apartment floor. It had fallen off here—before the door of the heater room which was locked. So he grabbed his pistol and blew the lock off the door.

Police and detectives were swarming into the basement, as Pat threw open that door. Behind it was the jackpot!

Wip's corpse was on the floor. Young Harling's had been dragged into the room and lay against the heater. Tond stood, the fight gone out of him, mopping his gory nose. Marjorie was standing, slump shouldered, near the door. Behind her was Sylvia, pistol in hand. She soon let it fall to the floor.

The police crowded around behind Raffigan as he uncapped the acid.

"Don't try to shoot," he told Sylvia. "Or you'll get this. You threw it at my face, and missed. But I promise you, I won't."

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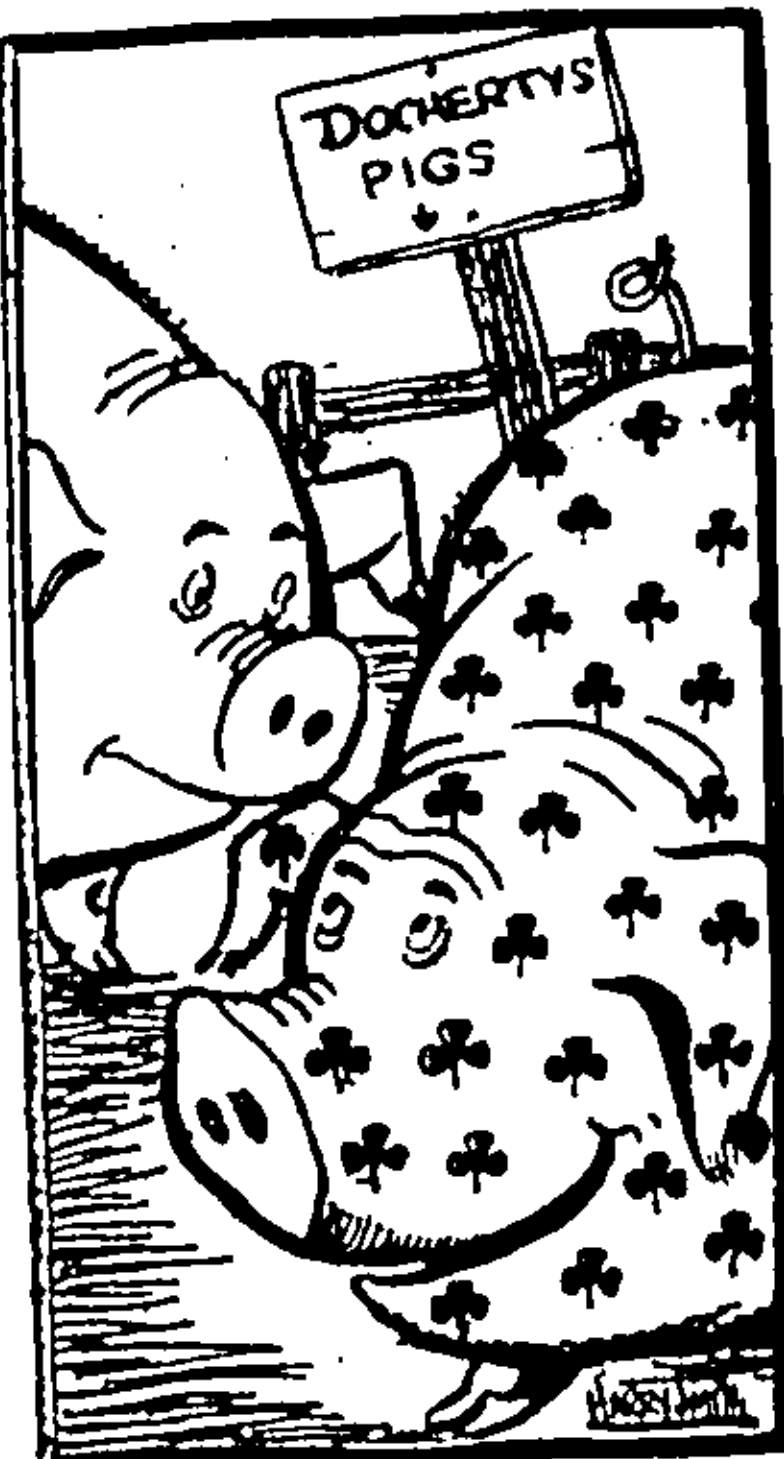


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TCHAIKOVSKI — ANA

There is coming to the Lee Theatre a film called "Song of My Heart", based on the life of Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky. The film is an Allied Artists' production made in America, and from the advance publicity matter I have seen it promises to be a very good production.

A newcomer to the American screen, Frank Sundstrom, plays the part of Tchaikovsky. He has been a top-line film-star for some time in his native Sweden. As a musical biography of one of Russia's best-loved composers, the pre-views from America rate this film very highly.

Amongst the music to be heard are excerpts from his 4th, 5th and 6th Symphonies, the No. 1 B-Flat Piano Concerto, Swan Lake and Casse Noisette Suites, Capriccio Italienne, 1812 Overture, Romeo and Juliet Fantasia, the lovely Andante Cantabile and the Barcarolle. A representative enough selection to please all but the most fastidious of tastes, surely!

Audrey Long (a name new to me) plays the beautiful Italian girl with whom Tchaikovsky falls in love. She came to the screen as a result of a critique in a San Francisco newspaper relative to her performance in a Theatre Group presentation of "A Midsummer Night's Dream". In her own words, Audrey Long says "I appeared in that Shakespearean play shortly before graduating from High School. We staged the play at the little town of Saratoga and I didn't even know the papers were covering it."

"Two days later I got a call from Hollywood. Max Reinhardt had heard of the nice things the reviewer had said of my performance in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. The ultimate result was work under Reinhardt and a studio contract". Her part in the film is that of Princess Amalya, who not only falls in love with Tchaikovsky but also succeeds in helping him to get his music published.

Sir Cedric Hardwicke appears in the film as Audrey Long's father, a part which gives him every opportunity to put over yet another polished portrayal for which he justly has earned an enviable reputation.

Gale Sherwood plays the part of the composer's wife, and she, too, I believe, is a newcomer to the screen although well known on the American stage. She should know how to sing, as I understand she broadcast over the C.B.C. network at the age of two.

Ballet-lovers are not forgotten, since a generous excerpt from the "Swan Lake" Ballet is portrayed by 120 dancers. These dancers are drawn from the Ballet Russe, New York Metropolitan Opera, Ballet Theatre, Sadlers Wells and La Scala, Milan.

The story of the film, subjected to a certain poetic licence, is told by a Russian Officer whose father had once been valet to Tchaikovsky. He tells of Tchaikovsky's marriage to Sophia, whom he divorces, and of his meeting with Princess Amalya. She it was who made possible the publication of his music. Her affair with him was, however, interrupted by her father, and Tchaikovsky — disillusioned by the broken romance — leaves Russia to undertake a tour of Europe and England. His music receives a rapturous reception, and he returns to his native Russia, a popular figure, whose music became everlastingly popular. The Princess Amalya secures her father's permission to go and see him and to resume their affair. But arriving in Petragrad, she finds Tchaikovsky a victim of a cholera epidemic and he dies, as the Princess arrives at his bedside.

So much for the story, but, as with "Lilac Time", it is the music that counts and of this, there is generous measure, full and overflowing. Even a cosmopolitan in his music, Tchaikovsky — by means of some genius bestowed on him — was able to assimilate and reproduce the idiom of Italy, and

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Spain in his music as to the manner born. In the two famous suites "Capriccio Italienne" and "Capriccio Espagnole", he shows this trait very clearly. The Russians equally regard him as a national hero, typically representative of Russia in his music, so that — more nearly than any other composer — Tchaikovsky achieves the eclectic ideal.

In his Chamber Music, Tchaikovsky was influenced almost exclusively by the Russian idiom, and all his three string quartets are based on Russian folk-themes. The lovely and justly-popular Andante Cantabile from the 1st String Quartet is based on a folk theme communicated to the composer by a carpenter of the Government of Kalluga in Great Russia.

All in all, then, Tchaikovsky has proved to be one of the great names in music and without that solemnity and macabre orchestration which characterised some of his contemporaries. There is a quality of tenderness about his music, evidenced very well in the "Romeo and Juliet" Fantasia. "The Swan Lake" Ballet, of all ballets, must surely be the most popular in the repertoire. Whilst in no way decrying the choreography, it is, I feel, Tchaikovsky's music that sets the seal of charm and grace so permanently on this Ballet. However, enough has been said of this before by more qualified pens than mine, so, discretion being the better part of a typewriter, I'll leave it at that!

Perhaps the out-and-out purist will find it within him to quibble at any liberties taken with the story, but generally I think this is an excusable item. At least, Tchaikovsky's death from cholera is authentic and in fact it occurred 10 days before the first performance of his last (No. 6) symphony. Many, like myself, go to this type of film purely for the sake of the music. If the script-writers find it necessary to provide a story as a sort of peg on which to hang a story, does it matter? Those who are sufficiently interested will, in any event, know enough of his true life story for it, not to matter.

It is the music and the ballet, surely, which count, and of this, it seems, we are promised generous measure. Anyway, it is a film I look forward to attending and if its reception here is as good as in America, I think there is a treat in store for all music-lovers.

SUNDAY

Although only of short duration, there is a programme at 11.50 a.m. when a programme of choral music is being sung by the Glasgow Orphans' Choir, which calls for attention. This choir, conducted and trained by Sir Hugh Robertson, is one of the most famous in existence today, its reputation having been well and truly earned solely by virtue of its musicianly interpretations of the standard and specially arranged choral works. There is a generally accepted opinion that the Orphans' Choir is a choir par excellence, setting a standard uniquely its own by which others stand or fall in comparison.

The Symphony Concert at 9.45 p.m. produces an interesting bill of fare which comprises:—

Symphony in G Minor K.550 Mozart
No. 1 Piano Concerto Brahms
Polka & Fugue from "Schwanda"

Wienberger

Taking the last as first, for no reason at all, "Schwanda the Bagpiper" was first produced at Covent Garden, I seem to recall, in about 1934. I am open to correction here, as I rely completely on memory and cannot check

the reference. I do remember, however, that Ernest Lewman, Richard Capell and Fox-Strangways all gave it a warm reception in their various papers at the time. It was the first new operatic work to be produced in London for many years and as such, was doubly welcome. It is full of good tunes and lifting rhythms, typical examples of which are to be heard in the polka and fugue represented in the Symphony Concert tonight.

The magic touch of Mozart's incomparable music is something so often commented on in these notes that the mere mention of one of his works is enough in itself.

The G. Minor Symphony was written in 1788, at which time, mirabile dictu, Mozart was a young man of only 32 years. In the short—incidentally short—time of six weeks he wrote the 39 and 41 (Jupiter) symphonies, besides the No. 40 (G. Minor) symphony. What intense creative skill has gone into the making of these immortal works—averaging but two weeks per symphony—can only be left to the imagination. If it does not boggle at the magnitude of the conception.

Brahms' No. 1 Piano Concerto is a work, typically enough, redolent with an air of austere classicism. Although lacking the charm and old-world grace of Mozart and without invoking the majestic sonority of the Beethoven concertos, it is nevertheless thoroughly enjoyable music.

MONDAY

Tonight, at 9.10 p.m., "Concerto Hour" brings to the air one of the best-loved and popular of pianoforte concertos, the Grieg in A. Minor. Such music as this is possessed of the true characteristic of all classical music—the quality of permanence and a capacity for never-fading charm.

Into this concerto, Grieg has poured a host of lovely melodies, influenced, no doubt, by many of the folk tunes of his native Norway. Grandeur probably sums up the main impression this Concerto leaves, better than any other one word. It is popular—in every sense of the word—both with performer and audience and if its quality is not such as to evoke the plaudits ascribed rightly to the Beethoven and Mozart concertos, it has justly earned for itself a niche in the hall of piano fame.

TUESDAY

At 9.45 p.m. a Chamber Music recital brings us the "Golden" Sonata of Purcell. Reminiscent of Handel and Haydn in many respects, this sonata is one of the few which has lived from the welter of music emanating from the Elizabethan era, or thereabouts. While Purcell is the only English composer of note to have held equal sway with the formidable battery of talent presented by Haydn, and Bach, it is the more interesting to know this sonata more than holds its own.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

1. 9,000 years old.
2. The Peking Man. (Human remains of great age found near Peking in 1929).
3. Between 1,500 and 3,000 million years.
4. None. It was a period without life.
5. The hottest period of the year.
6. The time the Earth takes to revolve round the sun from equinox to equinox.

NEWS QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Ingrid Bergman.
2. General Claire Chennault.
3. General Omar Bradley, U.S. Chief of Staff.
4. Sutcliffe.
5. Korea.
6. 250.

Children's Herald

AT MY TYPEWRITER...

CROSSWORD



Lately I have been receiving quite a number of letters from you children on the theme "kindness Often Pays". I am really glad to know that you understand what it means and how important it is.

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Happy days to you all, from

You might be the lucky one this time for I'm running this crossword competition for two weeks. This is the first week.

It's an empty crossword puzzle and there are no clues to tell you what words to fill in.

For this competition you must make up a crossword yourself.

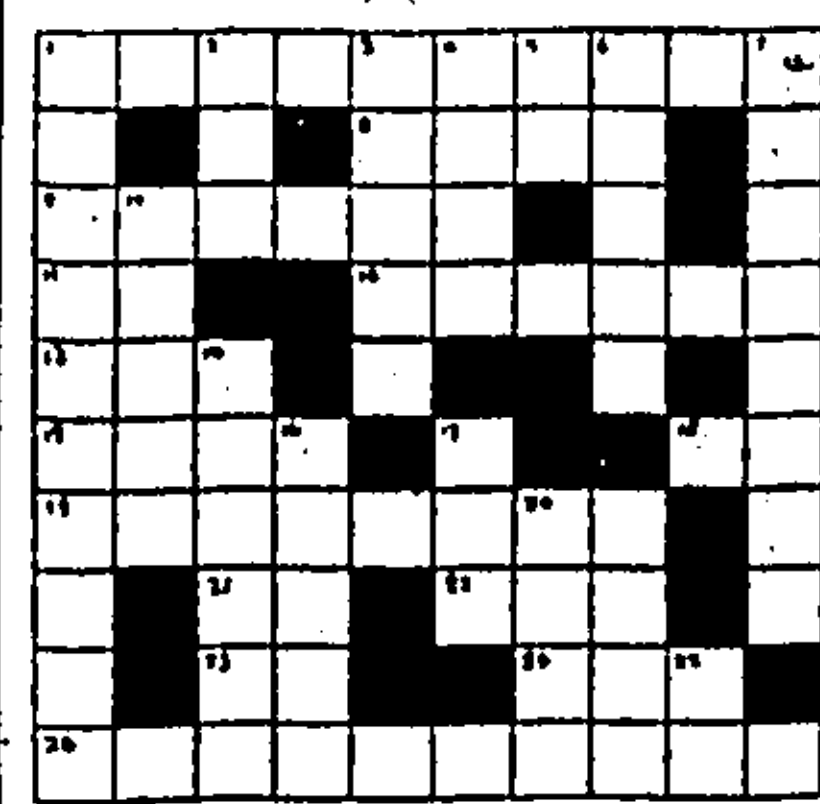
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NAME

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AGE

FAIRY QUEEN

In a forest
In a thicket
Where she's seldom seen.
By a tree
Beneath a toadstool
Lives a fairy queen.
Let us watch her
For a minute
As she starts to play.
She's entrancing
When she's dancing
In her fairy way.
Lightly as a
Wisp of feather
See her twirl about!
Let us leave now,
Fairies never
Like to be found out!
VALEETA BILGUBER

Auntie Vee

GOOD LITTLE MARY

Once there was a girl named Mary. She was a good little girl and was only nine years old.

As she was going to school one early morning she saw a poor little girl who was in rags and had no shoes on. It was winter and snowing, so you can imagine how cold it was.

When Mary saw it she couldn't stand it for she had such a kind heart, so she quickly opened her little purse and gave the beggar girl a shilling. That day Mary went without lunch for she had no more money left as she gave the whole shilling to the poor girl.

Mary told her mother what she did with her money and you can imagine how happy Mary's mother was.

Honour certificate to Christina Polstchikoff of Dairy Farm, Pokfulam, Hong Kong.

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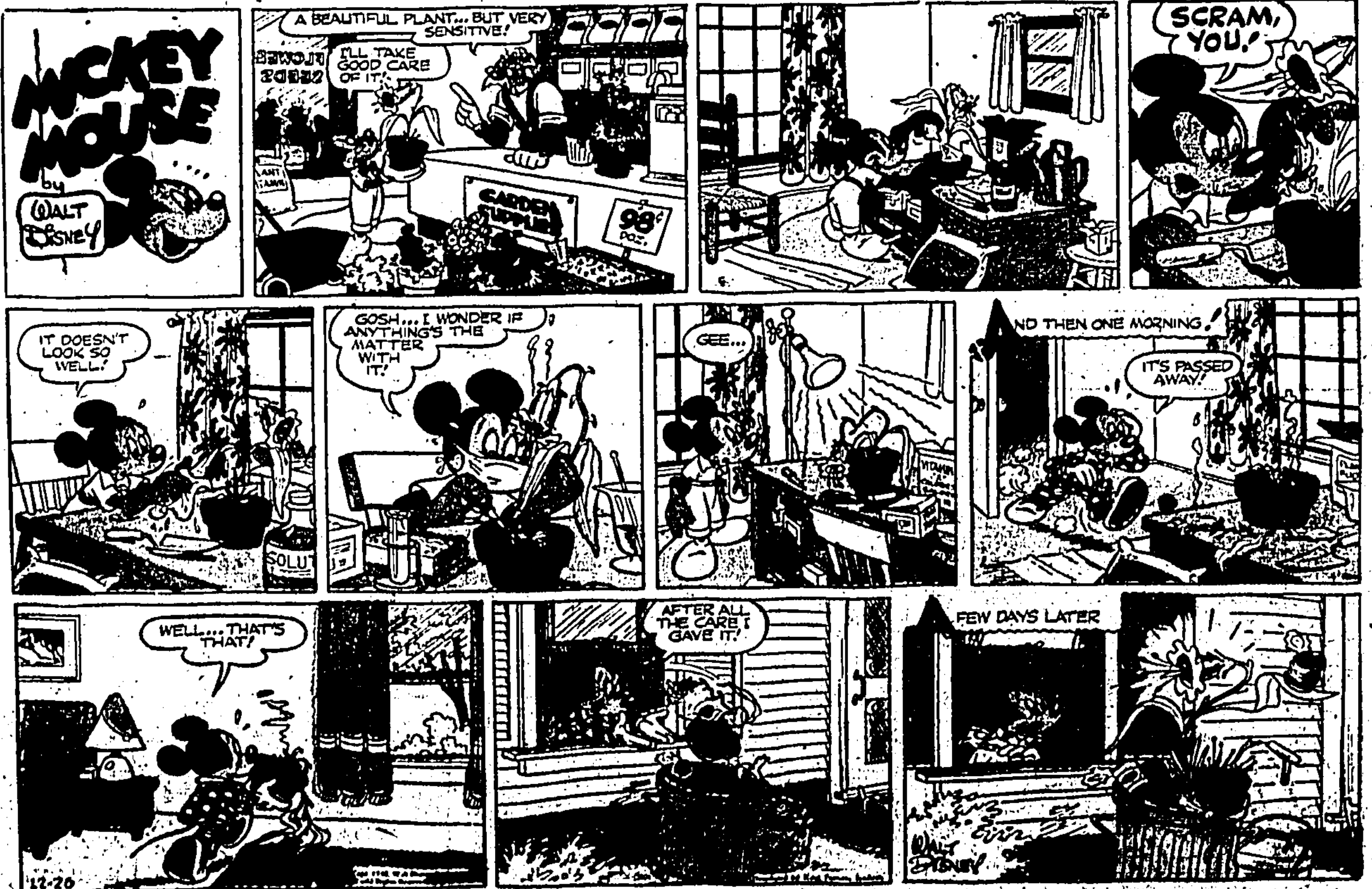
Janet Pullen of 179, The Peak, Hong Kong.

Jackson Chan of 78, Prince Edward Road, 1st floor, Kowloon.

Lily Cheung of Diocesan Girl's School.

MORE SNOW

Oh! Oh!
Look at the snow!
I can't see the ground;
It is all below
Under the white.
Tucked up tight
Like me, when I'm tucked
In my bed at night
If it goes on snowing.
Day after day.
Perhaps I'll be seeing
An old-time sleigh.
The rivers and lakes
Will be covered with ice.
And we shall have skating.
How nice! How nice!





• PANIC GRIPS THE CUZCO FORCES WHEN THEY BELIEVE ---



• LEAVING PACHACA IN THE CARE OF A MEDICINE MAN, BRICK ATTEMPTS TO HALT THE RETREAT •



• BRADFORD, WITH A FEW FAITHFUL WARRIORS, IS SOON HOPELESSLY SURROUNDED BY AN ENEMY HORDE •



• AT LAST, BRICK IS ALONE — HIS STRENGTH WANES — HIS KNEES BUCKLE — HIS BATTLE-AX DROPS FROM HIS NUMBED FINGERS — HE FALLS •



• THE ENEMY TOWERS ABOVE HIM AS, UNABLE TO RISE, HE AWAITS THE DEATH STROKE •



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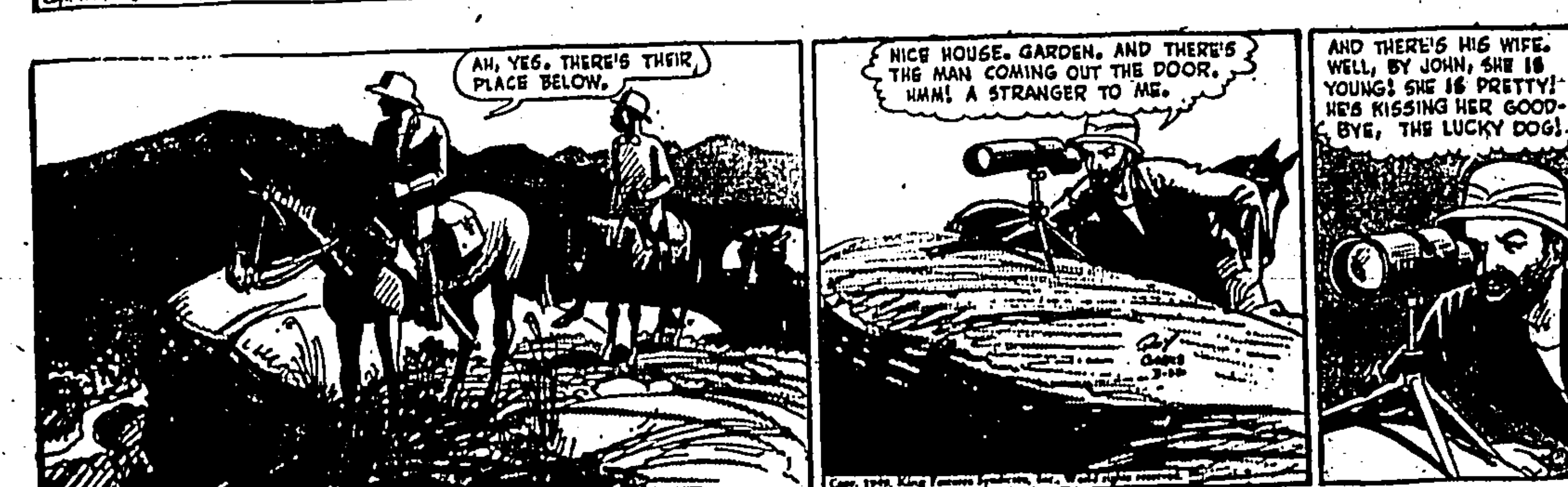
• A GREAT HUMMING IN THE SKY IS THE ANSWER •



BUZ SAWYER

By Roy Crane

HOW PERCY PIG CURLED HIS TAIL



Percy Pig stood in a corner of his sty feeling very sad. All his eight little brothers and sisters were grunting, and squealing, and behaving just as little pigs always do, but Percy felt he could not join them.

You see, they had eight lovely curly tails—but Percy's tail was straight, and, because of this, none of them would play with him.

"If they won't play with me I'll go away—and find out how to make my tail curl," sobbed Percy.

He squeezed under the gate of the sty and trotted down the road. "Tek-tok-tok," clucked Mrs. Buff Orpington, the brown hen, pecking at some grit. "Where are you off to Percy?"

"I'm going to find out how to curl my tail," answered Percy politely. "Could you tell me how?"

"I'm too busy hiding my eggs in the nettle patch. Go and ask Sarah Shorthorn," suggested Mrs. Buff Orpington.

Sarah Shorthorn, the cow, was lying under an oak tree, lazily chewing her cud.

"Please," squeaked Percy Pig to her, "could you tell me how to curl my tail?"

"No-o-o-o," lowed Sarah. "I'm too busy feeding. Go away."

Percy trotted sadly away—no one seemed to help him. Then he saw a gnat flying round and round a post.

Percy followed the gnat but, when he'd trotted round the post for the 50 time, he felt dizzy. He twisted his tail around the post to keep himself up. Still the gnat flew round and round, and after it went Percy, till at last it flew away.

Percy sat down to get his breath back. Carefully he untwisted his tail but to his surprise, instead of sticking straight out behind him, it twisted up again quickly into the curliest tail any little pig could want.

"Oh, my bristles and trotters!" exclaimed Percy. "I've done it! I'm the curliest-tailed pig that ever was."

He was so excited that he started to trot home—then he remembered Sarah Shorthorn. He ran up to her and said, "Look, my tail's curly."

But Sarah closed her eyes and went to sleep without even looking at Percy's tail.

Percy was too excited to mind. He ran on to where Mrs. Buff Orpington was sitting in the nettle bed.

"Look—look at my curly tail," he cried.

"I've laid another egg," exclaimed Mrs. Buff Orpington, and she never even looked at Percy's tail.

But Percy didn't mind. He slipped under the gate back into the sty just in time for dinner and not one of his eight little brothers or sisters pushed him away. What's more—they didn't even look at him. You see—Percy's tail was so curly now, that he was just like the rest of them, so there was no need for them to stare because he was different. And as for Percy, he was the happiest little pig in the sty.

NIGHT

The sun setting in the West,
The evening star does shine;
The birds are silent in their nest,
And I must seek for mine.
The moon—like a flower,
In heaven's high bower,
With a silent delight,
Sits and smiles in the night.

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WORLD SPOTLIGHT

Johnny Hobson, of Waterloo, Sydney, lost his dog. It wasn't much of a dog to look at, but Johnny loved it very much. Its name was "Laddie."

Laddie followed Johnny's brother to the tram and didn't come back and, although Johnny searched everywhere for his dog, he couldn't find it.

Six days dragged by and Johnny wouldn't eat anything, only a plain biscuit. He said he couldn't eat because he kept thinking about his dog being lost and hungry and he wouldn't eat until he found Laddie again.

Then he went to a newspaper office and asked them to try and get the dog back for him. They published photos of Johnny every day and told his story and asked if anyone had seen the dog, would they please ring them.

Hundreds of people rang and the newspaper reporters took Johnny in a car to visit the homes of people who said they thought they had found the dog. But each time they visited a house the boy took one look at the dog and shook his head. It wasn't his.

When he was still ill with grief and hunger, a phone call came to say a dog answering the description of Laddie had been seen at Central Railway Station. The reporters raced to Johnny's home and drove him to Central, where, with a delighted yell, he bounded out of the car and soon came back with a very dirty, skinny hound.

Needless to say, there was much licking and hugging going on in the back of the car, and, when last sighted, the hungry pair were sharing a big dinner with all the trimmings.

A Story Of A Chinese Doll

I am a Chinese doll and I came from China. I have black hair, small dark black eyes, flat nose, small mouth and the shape of my face is round.

At present I'm in a toy shop with many other dolls, for you see I was sold to this owner by a Chinese lady who bought me up in Canton and brought me back to Hong Kong where I am now staying.

Together with me in this shop are many more other dolls. We are all laid in the window all and are ready to be taken away any moment. For we are for sale and any person who comes into our shop can buy us at a very cheap price.

I am very unhappy because I am so ugly and no one wants to buy me. When people come into our shop they look at all the other dolls but they never seem to look at me. Oh, how I wish someone would come into this shop and buy me. So won't you buy me next time when you see me?

Honour certificate to Teresia Sherwood of Argyle Camp 2, Kowloon City.

Who Am I?

My first is in clear but not in near.
My second is in all and also in ball.
My third is in match but not in latch.
My fourth is in eat and also in beat.
My fifth is in ran but not in land.
My sixth is in any and also in many.
My whole is something which people take pictures with.
Answer: camera.

Honour certificate to Diane D'Almada of 26 Hillwood Road, ground floor, Kowloon.

THE LONE RANGER

By Fran Striker



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The United States Navy Hospital Ship Repose glides into Hong Kong, bringing with her 77 wounded British personnel of the four naval craft which came under Communist artillery fire on the Yangtze. ("China Mail" photo)



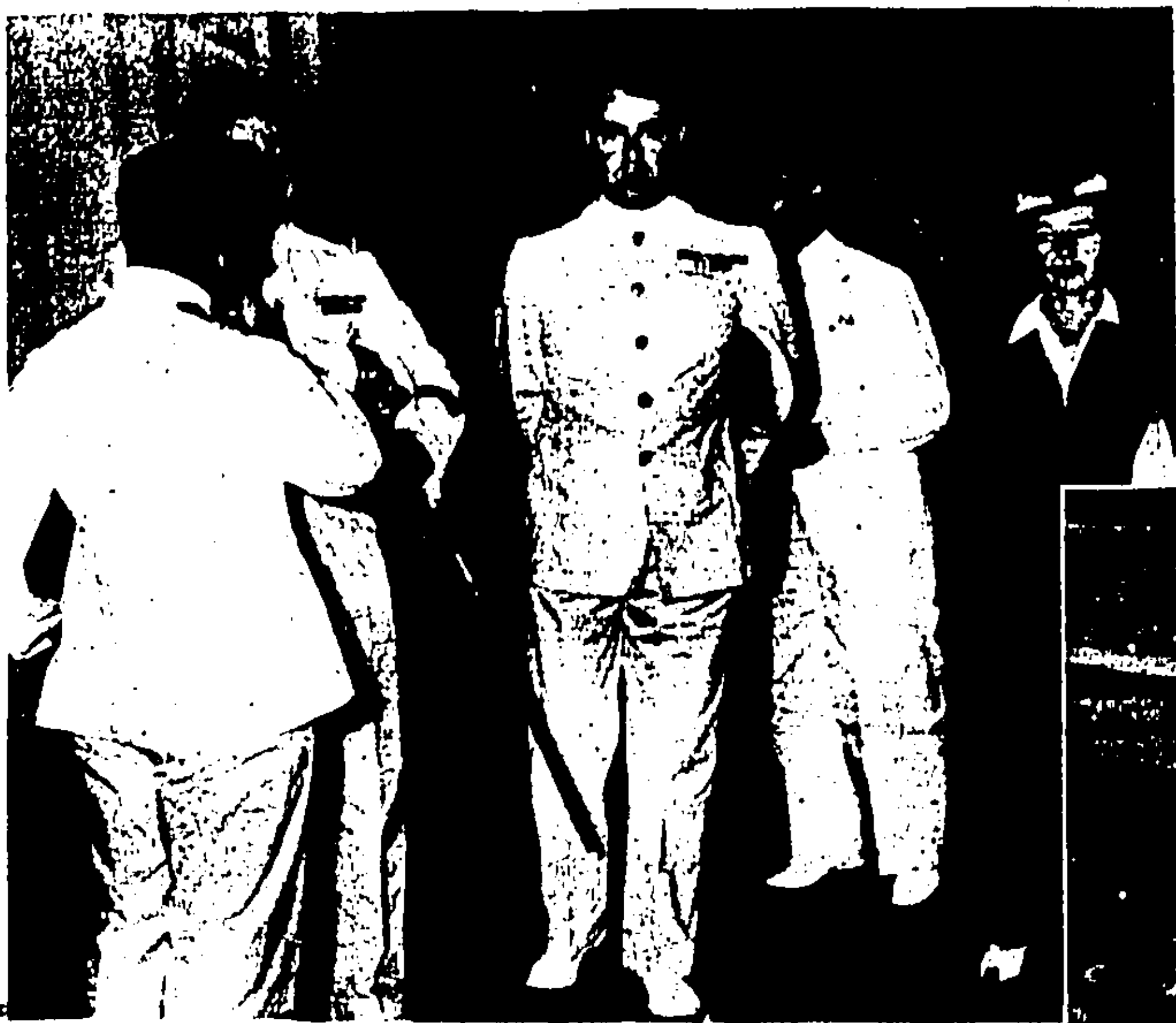
The Governor and Lady Grantham arrive to attend the memorial service at St John's Cathedral for the sailors who lost their lives during the Yangtze shelling. ("China Mail" photo)



Major-General F. R. G. Matthews, GOC, is shown helping Mrs. A. C. G. Madden out of the car before the start of the memorial service at St John's Cathedral. ("China Mail" photo).



The Air Officer Commanding, Air Commodore A. D. Davies, and Mrs. Davies leave St John's Cathedral after attending the memorial service for the British sailors who died during the Communist shelling of four British warships. ("China Mail" photo)



Some of the congregation who attended the St. John's Cathedral memorial service for the victims of the Yangtze shelling. ("China Mail" photo)

Commodore Robertson arriving at St. John's Cathedral for the memorial service for the victims of the Yangtze river shelling. ("China Mail" photo)



Three charming members of the champion Wahoo softball team, Miss Patry Ribey, Mrs. H. Wingless and Miss Elva Lee, display their pennant and the "China Mail" Shield. ("China Mail" photo).



Leading members of the local community at the cocktail party given by Mr. L. A. Gastmann, Consul General of the Netherlands, to celebrate the birthday of Queen Juliana. ("China Mail" photo)



Spectators and swimmers jam the pavilion of the Ladies' Recreation Club during the recent opening of the LRC's new swimming pool. ("China Mail" photo)

Mrs. D. L. Prophet, President of the LRC, shelters from the rain under a diving board while making her opening address. ("China Mail" photo)

Dr. F. J. Moll, President of the Hong Kong Softball Association, is shown making a speech during the annual softball dance held at the Peninsula Hotel. ("China Mail" photo)

Two coolies shown cleaning the new LRC swimming pool, which was recently opened. ("China Mail" photo)



Mr. G. A. Marshall (fourth from left) Vice-President in charge of Overseas Operations of the National Cash Register Company, shown at a cocktail party given in his honour at the Hong Kong Hotel. ("Roy Tsang" photo)



Mr. W. N. Cowie, Chairman of the Northumberland and Durham Association, makes a speech at the Association's recent annual dinner dance at the Hong Kong Hotel. ("Ming Yuen" photo)



Mr. E. Cato (extreme right), Secretary of the Northumberland and Durham Association, with a party of friends at the Association's annual dinner dance at the Hong Kong Hotel. ("Ming Yuen" photo)



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Captain and Mrs. Squire, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. G. Saul and Mr. and Mrs. E. Perry were some of the guests at the annual softball dance at the Peninsula Hotel. ("China Mail" photo)

Mrs. F. J. Molthen presents the "Molthen Shield" to Bill Woo, manager of the Canadian softball team which won the 1949 championship in the men's division. ("China Mail" photo)



Members of the cast of "Twelfth Night" which was presented recently by the Hong Kong Stage Club, pose for a picture after the opening night at the China Fleet Club. ("Ming Yuen" photo)





Mr. and Mrs. Ho Yiu-poi after their wedding at the Kam Tong Restaurant. The bride is the former Miss Ng Lai-sang. ("Mainland" photo)



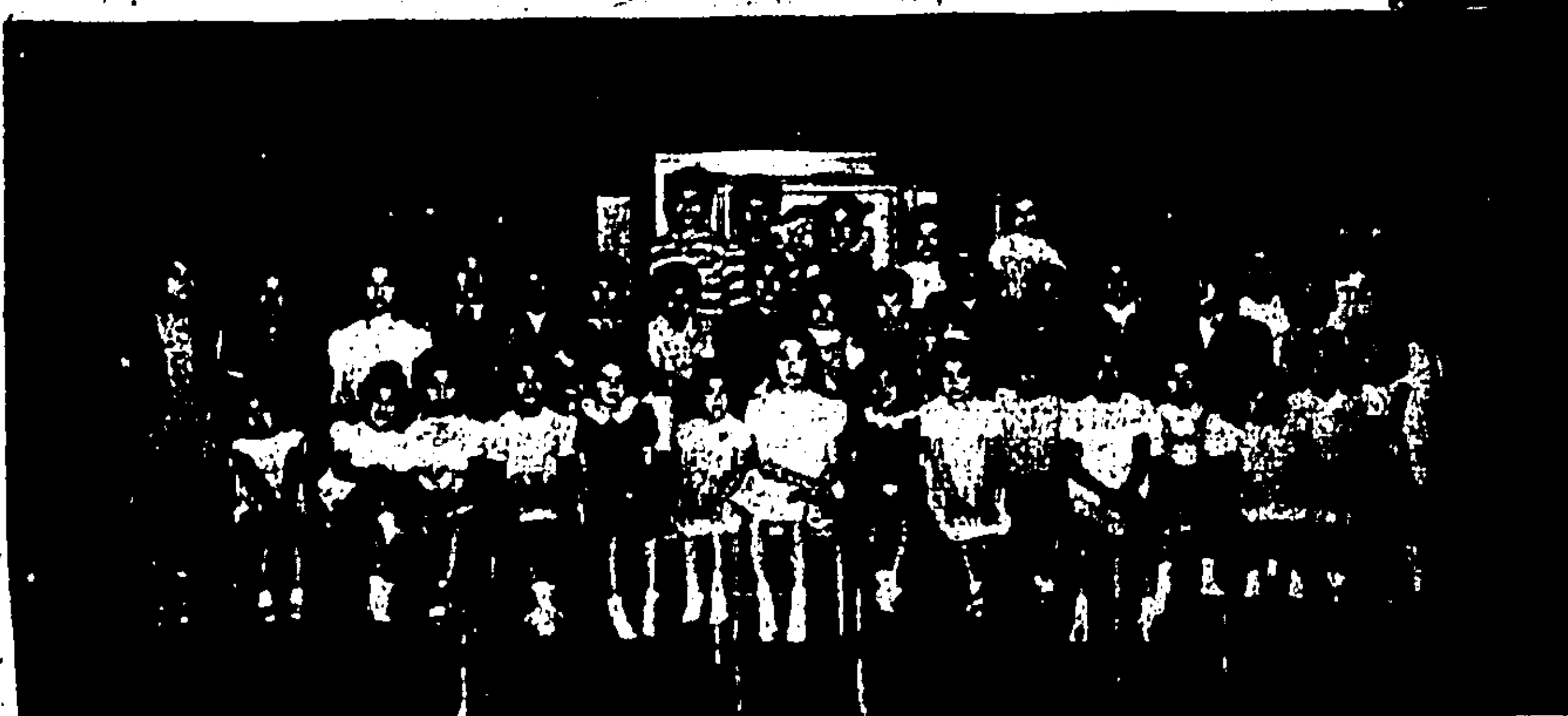
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Young Tsze-man are shown after their wedding at St. Teresa's Church, surrounded by members of their families and friends. The bride is the former Miss May Mui Kwok-mei. ("China Mail" photo)



Little Christine Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Scott, with her parents, brother and sister after her christening at the English Methodist Church on May 1. ("Ming Yuen" photo).



Posing after their recent wedding at the Nathan Hotel are Mr. and Mrs. Chan Yok-tun. The bride is the former Miss Lo Ye-fun. ("Mainland" photo)



Miss Julia Chung and her friends who helped her to celebrate her 10th birthday party at the Peninsula Hotel. ("Mainland" photo)

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THE PHANTOM

By Lee Falk and Roy Moore

All's Well That Ends Well



Horace Lagard was very old indeed. He was almost a 102 years old. He lived with his grandson and his grand daughter-in-law together with their little boy in a small cottage about two miles away from a village. Horace was a grumpy old man forever moanng and groaning about something. He suffered from lumbago and general bad health. He abhorred all modern inventions and would not allow a telephone in the house and his grandson the younger Monsieur Lagard had to argue for two whole days with him before he was allowed to keep the little third hand automobile which he had bought at a junk sale.

One day at lunch time when the younger Monsieur Lagard had gone to Orleans on business in his little car, Horace was seized with a frightful choking fit for a fish bone was stuck in his throat. "Ma ma!" screamed the youngest Lagard who was with his great grandfather. "Poor, great granddad has got a fish bone stuck in his throat, he is coughing terribly."

Madame Lagard, who was at that moment preparing the pudding, hastened to the spot of this frightening happening. "A doctor really ought to be fetched," she said. But there was no telephone and car. "Quickly, mon petit!" she said. "Fetch some bread!" The child ran off at full speed to the kitchen, and returned shortly with a hunk of bread.

Madame Lagard hastily stuffed it down Horace's throat. This however did not seem to ease the choking. But no sooner had he swallowed it he then began to cough more easily, now water was poured down into the unhappy patient's gullet but it became worse, and after an hour of coughing Monsieur Horace Lagard passed away, more from exhaustion than anything else.

Madame Lagard dropped to her knees and said, "The Lord be thanked, poor Horace will be happier in heaven and we can now have a telephone and a little rest and peace!! The little Lagard, a naughty child, concluded, "All's well that ends well."

Honour certificate to Heather Baxter of c/o Shell Co., Kulangsu, China.

BENNY'S DAY

Benny was a very busy little boy. He was the son of a farmer.

During the summer holidays he spent his time mostly in the farm. Benny got up at five o'clock and went to the farm to see the animals. He loved the animals and the animals loved him too.

Benny helped his father to milk the cows and carried the pails of milk to the dairy for his mother. When his mother said it was time for breakfast, he was very hungry then and had two plates of porridge, two slices of bread and eggs with bacon. After he had finished his breakfast he went to feed the pigs. The pigs gobbled up the food quickly as they were hungry too.

Then Benny went to see the hens and took the eggs from the hen house and put them in a basket to be taken to the market for sale.

After dinner Benny usually would go to the meadows and look at the horses and watch them eat juicy grass, and sometimes he would go to the market with his father. When his father had sold all the things he bought to the market, he would give Benny a shilling. That's how Benny spend a day during his holidays and so Good-night.

Honour certificate to Odette Souza of 23 Hankow Road, 1st floor, Kowloon.

YOUR DREAMS & WHAT THEY MEAN

JACKET—Hard work and little reward. Be patient, but take the first opportunity of a change.

JAIL—This is generally considered an unfortunate dream, unless you are released in due time.

JOURNEY—A change in your circumstances. If the voyage is a pleasant one, all will be for the best; but if the road is rough, or the weather stormy—be careful.

JOY—A sign of good health.

JURY—It is considered unfortunate to dream that you are chosen to sit on a jury. But if you merely see the jury from the court, you will overcome your difficulties.

Chubby And The Barber Pole

By Carol Colver

Whenever Chubby walked past Mr. Womble's Barber Shop on the main street of town, he looked longingly at the red and white striped barber pole just outside the door. That was because he thought it was the biggest peppermint stick in the world. It was all he could do not to stop and have a lap at it.

He would have done just that, if it weren't that Mr. Womble was always standing in the doorway whenever Chubby went by. He never seemed to have anything else to do.

On one particularly hungry day, Chubby could stand it no longer. He stopped in front of the barber shop and even though Mr. Womble was standing in the doorway, as usual, the little bear stood up on his hind legs, grabbed the barber pole with his front legs and lapped!

What a disappointment! The huge red and white peppermint stick didn't taste like anything at all. Chubby couldn't believe it possible. So he had a second lap, and then a third. But there was still no flavour!

He was just about to walk away in disgust when Mr. Womble opened the door of his shop and stepped outside. In his hand he held a peppermint stick, which he offered to Chubby. Even though it wasn't the biggest one in the world, it did taste just like peppermint! In fact, the flavour was so good that Chubby sat right down on the sidewalk in front of Mr. Womble's Barber Shop to eat it.

He sat there for a long time, leaning his back against the red and white barber pole and lapping at the peppermint stick. Meanwhile, Mr. Womble stood in the doorway and watched him. Suddenly he had an idea. He disappeared into the back of his shop for a while. Then he returned, carrying a big cardboard sign. He hung it on the barber pole, over Chubby's head.

Mr. Womble did not stand in the doorway much longer after that. For in a very few minutes the customers started piling in and Mr. Womble soon had more work to do than he had had for months.

While Mr. Womble worked, Chubby just sat outside the shop, happily lapping his peppermint stick. Little did he suspect that there was a sign just above him which said—

Don't Look Shaggy Like This! Come In For A Shave and A Hair-cut.

What is the difference between a matchbox and a cricket ground?—None, because they both hold matches.

DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



RUSTY RILEY

By Frank Godwin



In The Mailbag

YUNGMEI TANG there's a whole list of names of the HCC Members below and you can write to any one of them.

SYLVIA PAU thanks for the brilliant idea. We might have a competition, like the one you sent in later on.

ELIZABETH A. R. GRANT I'm very glad to know that you are ambitious to write more stories and send them in to me. Well, Good Luck.

PATRICIA JANNE I didn't print your story for you did not mark "All my own work" on it and I really don't know if it was your own work or not so, please do remember to do so next time. Thanks.

H.C.C. Members

NAME: Frances Allwright.
ADDRESS: 128A, Argyle Street, Kowloon.
AGE: Nine.
HOBBIES: Riding a horse, lessons and drawing lessons.

NAME: Ruby Bux.
ADDRESS: 16, Yee Wo Street, 1st floor, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.
AGE: 14.
HOBBIES: Stamp collecting, Tennis, Painting, Ping-Pong, Netball music and sewing.

NAME: Colin Peter Burt.
ADDRESS: 10 Sunning Court Apts. Ho Ping Road, Hong Kong.
AGE: Nine.
HOBBIES: Nature Study and Stamp collecting.

NAME: Heather Margaret Gray Baxter.
ADDRESS: c/o Shell Co. Kulangsu, Amoy.
AGE: 14.
HOBBIES: Reading, drawing painting and playing bridge.

NAME: Norma Browne.
ADDRESS: 27, Humphrey Buildings, Hanoi Road, Kowloon.
AGE: Nine.
HOBBIES: Dancing, singing and music.

NAME: Wendy Barron.
ADDRESS: Matilda Hostel.
AGE: Five.
HOBBIES:

NAME: Chan Chung King.
ADDRESS: c/o La Salle College, Kowloon.
AGE: 15.
HOBBIES: Swimming, Photography.

NAME: Marguerite Dorothy Collier.
ADDRESS: Argyle Camp 2, Kowloon.
AGE: Nine.
HOBBIES: Swimming, skating, reading, and collecting stamps.

NAME: Paul Choy.
ADDRESS: 33B, Wongneichong Road, Happy Valley, Hong Kong.
AGE: 13.
HOBBIES: Sports.

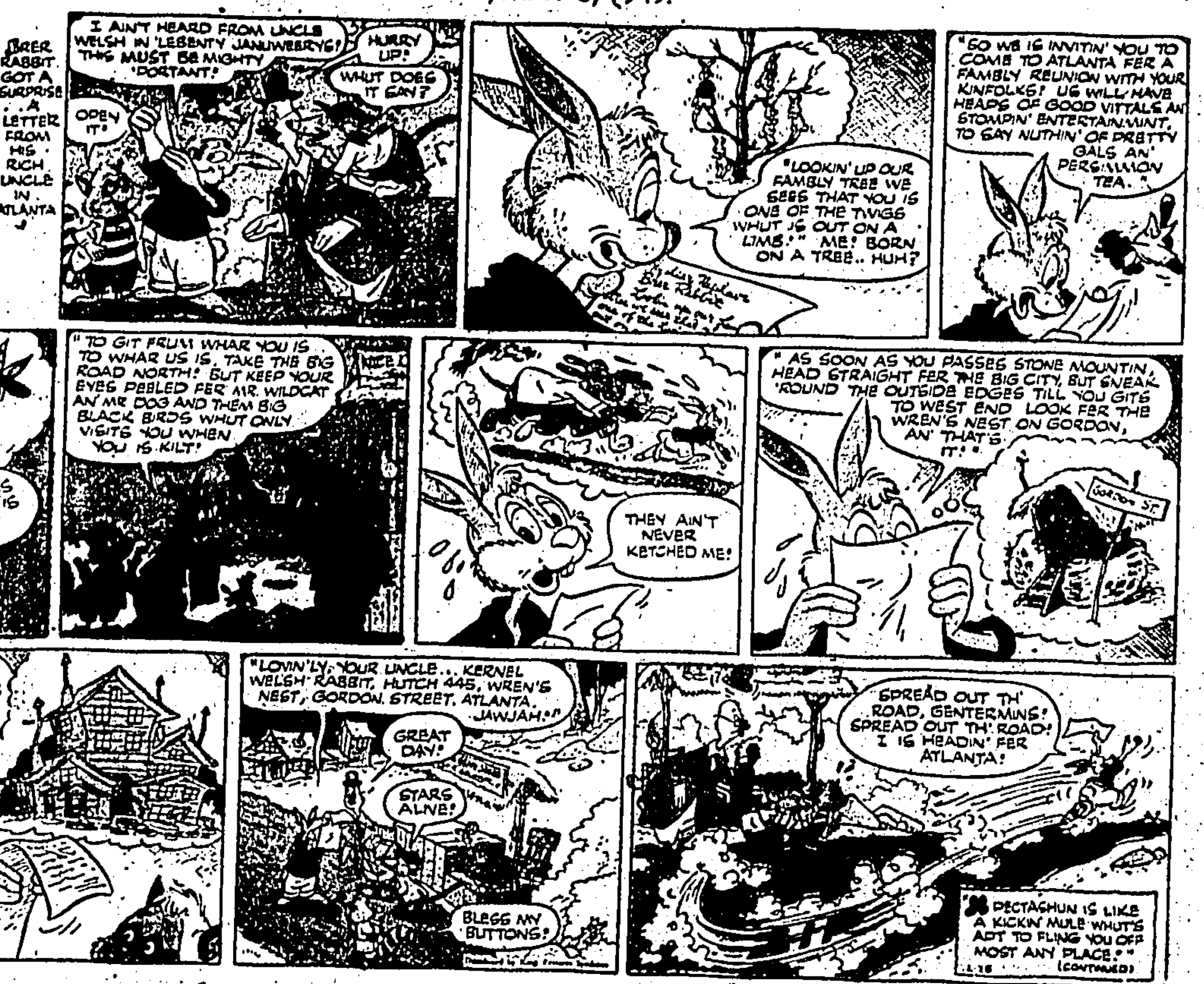
NAME: Thomson Cheng.
ADDRESS: 18, San Sau Street, 1st floor, Hung Hom, Kowloon.
AGE: 14.
HOBBIES: Writing, reading and blowing the harmonica.

Honour

The loss of gold is much.
The loss of time is more.
The loss of honour such a loss
As no man can restore.

Honour certificate to Wong Hung-chee of 4, Amoy Street, 1st floor, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

UNCLE REMUS



Children of the Jungle

By H. M. McKay

She disappeared into it, and Tom made fast the canoe. Then he proceeded to collect the remainder of the stores, and was in the act of picking up the last of them when he heard a sound that froze his very heart.

It was a piercing scream in the voice of his sister—a scream that was instantly followed by a hideous, animal snarling that told the boy she had invaded the lair of some wild beast!

With his sister's shriek ringing in his ears Tom Brandon snatched the rifle from the canoe and raced to the cave that Helen had entered.

She was cowering there in the gloom, petrified with terror, and in front of her at a distance of a few yards Tom made out a dim figure which he immediately recognised as a puma, black of face, tawny of body, its eyes gleaming like twin points of light, its fangs bared in a snarl.

Cat-like, it was gathering itself to spring upon the hapless girl who had disturbed it in its lair. Indeed, even as Tom reached his sister's side, the brute hurtled forward.

Tom fired from the hip. The smash of the rifle-shot, seemed to fill the cavern with deafening sound, and the blast of flame that ripped from the muzzle lit up every corner of the earthen den.

The bullet smashed home into the breast of the ferocious jungle "cat" and it checked in mid-air as if it had met some invisible barrier in its savage pounce.

It fell to the ground, and as it lay writhing the boy worked the trigger again and again until the magazine of the gun was empty and the great beast was a crumpled, lifeless thing.

It was some time before Tom could calm Helen.

At last she recovered sufficiently to help him drag the monster's body to the river's edge and tumble it into the water. Then the two of them collected their stores and prepared to make themselves as comfortable as possible.

They took it in turns to sleep, one stretching out on the cavern floor while the other kept watch with rifle ready to hand in case of any other emergency.

Yet the night passed without further incident, and after breakfasting in the dawn they set out once again on their long journey.

It was fully thirty-six hours later when they reached Maranna, the settlement that was destination and the nearest outpost of civilisation to the hut up-country where they had left their fever-stricken father and Jose.

They had little knowledge of Maranna, for on their way into the hinterland with Jose and their father many months before they had not halted there. Jose had assured them a doctor was in residence there, however, and this was confirmed by a group of Spanish-speaking Indians who chanced to be loitering on the crude pier to which boy and girl moored their craft.

Tom and Helen were directed to the doctor's quarters, and to their satisfaction speedily learned that like themselves, he was British—a small, brisk middle-aged man by the name of O'Ryan.

Dr. O'Ryan heard them out in silence as they told of their father's illness.

When they had finished he eyed them curiously.

"And you say your father is called James Brandon?" he asked.

(To Be Continued.)

Birthday Greetings

On May 10, WILLIAM CHAN of 7 Link Road, 2nd floor, Hong Kong will be 15 years old.

On May 12, ROBERT SHUI BING LAI of 387, Queen's Road West 2nd floor, Hong Kong will be 14 years old.

On May 13, MARION DAVID of 43 Conduit Road, Hong Kong will be 13 years old.

A Very Happy Birthday to the three of you.

Julia And The Beggar

One summer morning a little girl whose name was Julia was going to school with her brother. Now Julia was a good girl and her mother loved her very much because she was always kind to the poor.

This very morning her mother gave Julia two pence. When Julia was going to school she saw a beggar which was an old man and his clothes was dirty, so Julia quickly gave a penny to the beggar.

The beggar was very happy and said thank you. Julia went home and told her mother all about it. Her mother was glad too, because her child had been kind to the poor beggar and so she gave Julia another two pence more.

"Don't you think kindness often pays is very true?"

Honour certificate to Ruby Bu of 16, Yee Wo Street, 1st floor, Hong Kong.

NAUGHTY DICK

Once upon a time there was a little boy named Dick. He was very naughty and was very fond of climbing trees, against his mother's will.

One day, Dick and a group of other boys climbed a tall apple tree. They did not want to take the apples, but the owner thought they were stealing his apples and the owner was none other than his mother.

He came out and scolded the boys away with his stick. They all ran fast out of the gate, but Dick hurt his knees so he couldn't run fast. Mr. Grumpy caught him and gave him a good beating. Dick went home with red marks all over, and that was not all. He received another scolding from his mother because Mr. Grumpy had told her everything.

Dick was made to promise that he'd never climb trees again. All went well for a week, then, one day Dick's friends came and asked him to go climbing with them. The temptation was too great and he left the house without his mother's consent.

"Let's go into the woods," said Dick. "Then we each can climb a tree." They all agreed and were off to climb trees.

Dick chose his tree, and what was in between the leaves? A hornet's nest! Dick was climbing very quickly so he did not notice it. All of a sudden he knocked something, which was none other but the hornet's nest. Dick was soon covered with hornet stings. He ran home as fast as he could. His mother saw the state he was in and knew that he had been climbing trees and that the hornets had stung him. She scolded him severely.

Sick in bed, Dick promised his mother that he will never climb trees again, and you may be sure he didn't.

Honour certificate to Nana Rodrigues of 14, Hillwood Road, Kowloon.

WHO AM I?

My first is in need but not in lead.
My second is in eaten and also is beaten.
My third is in wear but not in fear.
My fourth is in shake but not in lake.
My fifth is in pay but not in day.
My sixth is in add and also in bad.
My seventh is in pet but not in get.
My eighth is in enough but not in above.
My ninth is in rang but not in hang.
My whole is something which you read every day.

Answer: BRIVETMAN

Honour certificate to Diane D'Almeida of 26, Hillwood Road, Ground floor, Kowloon.

SORT OUT THESE JUMBLED WORDS

Here are jumbled words of the different places in England. Try and see if you can sort them out, for who knows, you might be able to visit them some day.

(1) Alspswo, (2) Onland, (3) Houthamstoun, (4) Eschamwite, (5) Densarbo, (6) Livreokop, (7) Thiet, (8) Beedai, (9) Olesawne, (10) Thapmney.

Jumbled Words Answers

Spaw, Wilt, Wodbury, Weymouth, Weymouth, Weymouth, Weymouth, Weymouth, Weymouth, Weymouth, Weymouth, Weymouth.

Honour certificate to Robert Medley of 11, Hillwood Road, Kowloon.

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"Life has taught me many things—
one of them being not to prophesy."
A cagey little politician.

We, on the other hand, are one of
Life's most backward boys. It hasn't
taught us anything, at all.

We are still tricked into dialling
"TOL" during the rush hours—say,
from 9 a.m. until midnight—although
our instinct for self-preservation
warns us that we are taking a path
that leads straight to the asylum and
the grave.

Indeed, so little has Life taught us
about telephones that even to this
very day we believe that theatre box-
offices and ticket agencies may
answer the things if sufficiently pro-
voked.

Probably we are the only living
person to be astonished when the
genuine mushroom spawn comes up
mustard-and-cream.

We are constantly surprised to find
that it costs a penny to learn that a
weighing-machine is out of order.

Only recently on a pier we put a
coin into a machine labelled "A Hot
Night in Paris," and were amazed
that all we saw for our money was a
horse-drawn fire-engine galloping down
Victorian Fleet-street. We are Life's
outstanding dunce.

Until we actually taste it, we fond-
ly believe that the bottled witches'
brew that wine-walters carry reverent-
ly in their little wicker baskets must
be something better than we can stew
up at home in our bath.

We are even tempted to choose
those items on the menu at which
maitres d'hotel point their scornful
pencils, although, had Life taught us
a damned thing, we should have our-
self certified first, well knowing them
to be hashed vultures' bones.

And so, untaught at Life's knee,
we go on our puzzled way, obediently
saying "Players, please," to girls in
empty kiosks; refusing to be vague
to cynical barman; hopefully expect-
ing to find more room in the rear of
tube trains; forever foolishly turn-
ing-in to our "favourite" programme
to hear our "favourite" entertainer
sing our "favourite" song ("Buttons
and Bows").

Ah, Mother, Mother! Heaven defend
your wandering boy tonight

Letters of a self-made girl

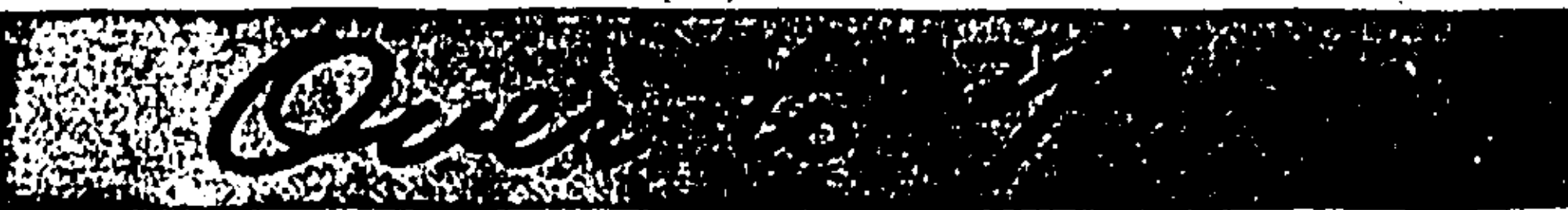
DEAR Daddy,—Only 12 more days
till I can climb the chestnut tree again,
isn't it smashing. Is my microscope
safe also my musical box.

It is a girl called Mary's birthday
next Saturday so please send me 24
sparklers and some candles because I
have promised to give her them for her
birthday then she will let me have her
tennis racket cheap which is so small
for her but just my size. It cost 15 shillings
now and is called the "Little Demon."

When I come home will you let me
have another sip of your wine when I
have a cold. They never give us any
wine here even for influenza. There is
a French girl here called Yvonne whose
daddy always gives her a sip of his wine
in the hole because he says it is good
for her stomach. I know shebert isn't
you ought to hear her.

Thank you for sending my dark brown
Brownie drawers. You didn't say if
you would buy me a horse like "Dusty"
or not, also a saddle. I hope so.
Love, JANET.

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 1949.



GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. If you were to come across some-
body who told you he was born
in the Pleistocene Age, how old,
approximately, would he be?
2. Although *sinanthropus pekinesis*
sounds like a dreadful disease, it
is in fact, something else. What?
3. Geologists say the Earth has exist-
ed for quite some time but can't
pin it down to any given period.
What is the approximate age of
our planet?
4. One of the geological periods of
the Earth is known as the Azoic.
What type of human beings would
you have met in this period?
5. Have the Dog Days anything to
do with the sayings "Give a dog a
bad name," and "A dog's life"? No?
Well, what are they?
6. If a Tropical Year doesn't mean a
year spent in the Tropics, what
is it?

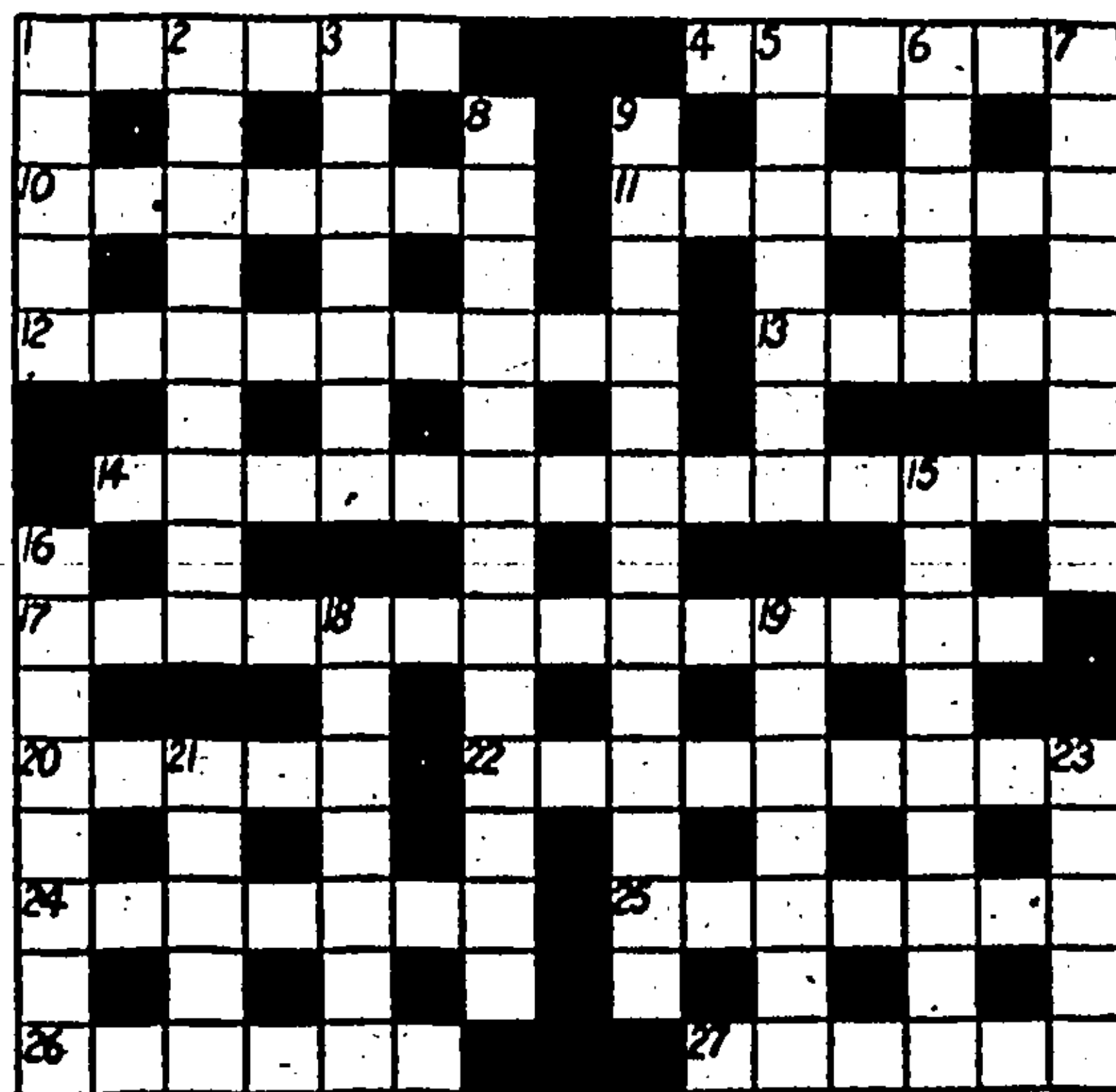
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NEWS QUIZ

1. A star who is one of Hollywood's
biggest box office attractions and
who was always reputed to be
happily married, is reported to be
divorcing her husband. Who is
she?
2. Which American, retired General
has been advocating all-out aid to
the remnants of Nationalist China?
3. Who was it who told the U.S.
Senate Foreign Relations Commit-
tee that the United States' defence
frontiers are in Europe, Japan and
the Philippines?
4. What New Zealand cricketer has
the same name as a famous Eng-
land opening batsman of a few
years ago?
5. What country has opened a Con-
sulate in Hong Kong for the first
time in its history?
6. Britons in Kwangtung Province
have been advised to evacuate.
Roughly how many Britons are
there in Kwangtung?

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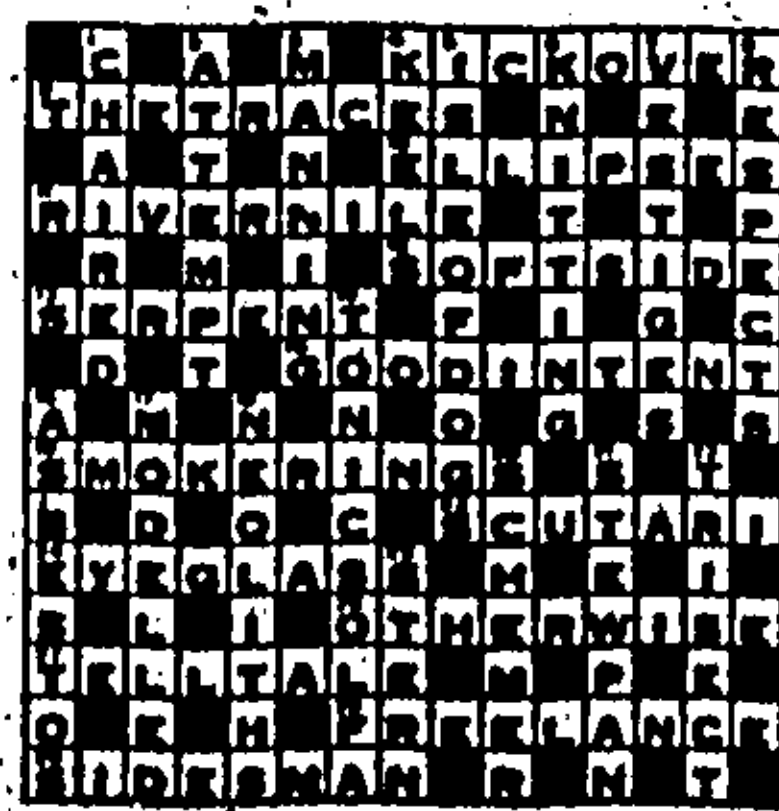
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Across

- 1 Neither in front nor behind as
well. (6)
- 4 Describes a floating company
with no director. (9)
- 10 Sounds like a female variety of
12. (7)
- 11 Not famous, not even infamous.
(7)
- 12 By no means what the giant
killer climbed. (5, 4)
- 13 Upright in Crete. (5)

SOLUTION TO No. 105



- 14 Excellent food for the price of a
train journey. (5-5, 4)
- 17 Led by many during the blitz
years. (9, 5)
- 20 But all the same the sum is
usually put down. (3, 2)
- 22 Would these old soldiers press
hard on the flanks? (9)
- 24 You need to hold one spade in
your hand for this. (7)
- 25 New sort of direction. (3, 4)
- 26 A turnoff before 27 makes Edward
go to port. (6)
- 27 Does the chief work on paper. (6)

Down

- 1 Founded on a low sound? (5)
- 2 Not a go-ahead pace. (4, 5)
- 3 An innocent case of French con-
demnation. (7)
- 5 They soon dispose of little bits of
fluff. (7)
- 6 Harden off in Wensleydale water.
(5)
- 7 They are put up to support the
Board. (8)
- 8 Proper place for spotted dog. (13)
- 9 Describes how the circulation
goes. (6, 3, 5)
- 15 This may, of course, quite alter
the proposition. (9)
- 16 An ait, possibly, in the Ibr. (8)
- 18 Notably this is F. (3, 4)
- 19 Having a policy. (7)
- 21 How to lie unobtrusively. (5)
- 23 Tours with the cobbler. (5)

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BRIDGE

The bidding at the Congress in
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S A K J x x
H 10 x x
D Q J
C 10 9

S Q x x
H A 9 x x
D K x x
C 6 5 2

S 10 x
H Q x x
D A x x x
C A J 7 3

S 9 x
H K J x
D 10 9 x x
C K Q 8 4

North, the dealer, opened with One
Club, a very odd form of psychic bid.
East doubled. It is now usual to
make a weakish take-out double but
not one quite so weak as this. South
redoubled. West bid One Heart, North
and East passed and South bid Two
No-trumps, which closed the bidding.

North was hoist by his own petard.
His opening psychic bid frightened him
into later silence and, a game was
made in No-trumps which was raised
in the bidding. It is an interesting
hand where Three No trumps can be
made but not Four Spades, the con-
tract at some tables.

North's psychic bid was not one
with any likely future. There is no
harm in experimenting with a psy-
chic bid provided one chooses a bid,
such as the semi-psychic One No-
trump overall, which is likely to
yield a tactical advantage. What
North did not realise was that a
strong suit of Spades has in itself
such great defensive value that to sup-
plement this with a psychic bid was
really painting the lily. North may
not have realised too that if opponents
secure the contract, South will waste
his entry cards on leads of Clubs.

-I cannot see any angle from which
North's psychic bid is likely to
develop a tactical advantage. This
type of psychic bid should therefore
be avoided. There is plenty of scope
for successful semi-psychic bids on
which it is more remunerative to con-
centrate. Many successes are due to
the proper handling of these bids.
They are, of course, dangerous with
a weak partner but one need not use
them then.

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ed magnificent examples of Chinese
craftsmanship in jade. They were
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archaeology, Mr. Howard Hanson, in
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tauld Institute of Art.

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place of jade in Chinese ritual and re-
ligion. Mr. Hanson explained that
the close association throughout the
ages arose from the intrinsic nature
of the material itself which was an
apt symbol of perfection and the in-
destructibility of deity and heaven.

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had explained, "The ancients held jade
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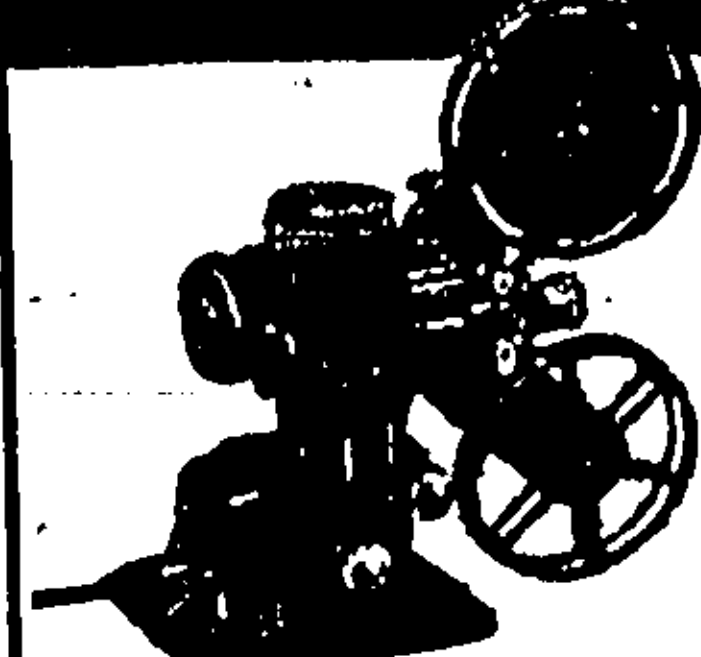
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Yet once I nearly doubted the truth of fingerprints. Once, for the most nightmare morning of my career, I thought we had made a mistake, and that we had identified the wrong man.

The story had started in the agricultural county of what we had better call Rutshire. The man was an ex-convict. I'll call him Smith, though that was not his real name. His alias was "Conky". He was asleep in some body else's hay barn.

He slept deep under the hay—as all tramps of experience sleep.

They Walked In On 'Conky'

Three nights previously Conky had been doing his sleeping in a prison cell at Rutshire Gaol, where any warder could gain a disturbingly privileged glance at Conky's slumberings simply by peering through the Judas-peephole in the thick door.

In his barn Conky enjoyed privacy. But not for long. Dogs barked. Torches flashed. There was a murmur of men's voices below.

In was the local policeman, the farmer, his two sturdy sons and an Irish labourer who had glimpsed Conky sneaking into the barn that evening.

They dug Conky out of the hay. When he saw the policeman his wits left him.

"I ain't stolen miffin," he said defensively. The constable eyed him. "How did you know we wanted to talk to you about stealing?" he demanded. Conky was suddenly silent.

"I have to warn you," said the constable, "that anything you say—"

So Conky finished his sleep that night in a police cell, an answering description of a man believed to have burgled a house on the near-by main road. He was not very bright. It seemed to him that if he told the police he had just been released from His Majesty's Prison this might induce prejudice against him.

So when the police sergeant asked: "What've you been doing for a living recently?" Conky replied untruthfully: "Doing casual jobs on farms."

"Which farms?" he was asked. That stumped him. Finally the truth came out. He was a discharged convict.

"Well," said the sergeant, more gently now that he was getting down to facts. "Where did you sleep the last few nights?"

"In barns twice—and a hedge once," said Conky sullenly.

"And where did you get this 10 shilling note?"

"A lady gave it me," said Conky. He could not remember the woman's address among the many he had begged at.

Never Been There

The sergeant named a road in the district. "Have you been to any houses in that road?" he asked Conky. Defensively, Conky answered: "I never bin near there."

There was an identification parade. The householder in that particular road, whose premises had been burgled, picked out Conky.

"He was snooping around the back of my house the afternoon before the robbery," said he. "I wanted to get a cup of water, and was looking for the back door. Examining the premises, more like!"

A porky young servant girl from the house next door also identified Conky as a man seen hanging around the gardens on the day of the robbery.

"Thank you, miss," said the sergeant, and to Conky solemnly added: "You'd better cough up where you hid the stuff, my lad."

"I tell you I never..." said Conky. And that was all he would say.

A fingerprint officer from the local county police went to the burgled house and found

a most satisfactory thumbprint that the burglar had left upon the lid of a silver cigarette box.

The officer packed the cigarette box carefully in a Home Office container, with screw-in pads to hold it immovably and prevent the thumbprint from smudging in transit.

Next day the silver box with the thumbprint arrived in the Fingerprint Department of New Scotland Yard with a request from the Rutshire County

By Chief Detective
Inspector Sydney
S. Birch, Late Of
Scotland Yard.

Police that we should make a comparison.

"A man has been detained in this case," the Chief Constable of the county added in his enclosing letter. "A recently-discharged convict called Smith—alias Conky. His fingerprints are enclosed for checking with the mark on the cigarette box."

Clerks in the Fingerprint Department's Index Section picked out Conky's crime record from among the 10,000,000 prints filed in our avenues of green cabinets. Conky's dossier was nondescript.

—But It Belonged To
Another Man

Begging... without visible means of subsistence... one conviction for burgling a provision shop, where he had been found next day, dead drunk on cooking sherry.

No previous house-breakings, but a likely enough background. The silver box was sent to the Photographic Department for a picture of the thumbprint to be taken.

Then—for such is our department's infallible system—this photograph of the thumbprint went to the Fingerprint Checking Room, where six or seven youngish detective officers spend absorbed hours peering at 400 or more sets of prints that come to us each day. Their job is highly skilled and takes many months to learn.

Here the thumbprint was classified into one of the four main groups; then sub-classified until finally the checking officer went over to a numbered index cabinet and pulled out a drawer.

"There it is," he said briskly. "Henry Benson, alias Shiny Benson." (That was not the man's real name, but it will do for this story.)

"Was he also alias 'Conky'?" I asked. The checking officer shook his head. "Not 'Conky'—we had his fingerprints in from Rutshire County this morning."

He said: "Different altogether from Benson's—similar group but distinct differences."

Apparently our friends of the county police had detained the wrong man.

I reported to Superintendent Cherrill, and we sent them a polite official note: "Thumbprint on silver box identified as belonging to Henry Benson, aged 30, alias Shiny Benson etc., Criminal Record Office Registration No."

Next morning my telephone bell jangled. It was the Chief Constable of Rutshire County.

"Look here," he said, "you Scotland Yard chaps have made the devil of a mistake—this thumbprint on the silver box—"

"Smith's?"

"I understand it is not, sir," I said carefully.

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Between Ourselves

Full Skirts, Fitted Bodices, Slender Waists



British cottons are reaching the British this season, but they are still being exported in quantity, too. Frocks in current favour, above, include: (1) Horrockses' tan printed poplin on pale blue ground with groupings of triple pleats in skirt. (2) Striped cotton voile with short cape sleeves, low square neck, pleated skirt. (3) Horrockses' high-waisted skirt. (4) Another export style by Horrockses, featuring elephant grey stripes on white ground in yoke-line for bodice; hoop-line for skirt. Gloves, hat, and full of broderie Anglaise. (5) Frock with square-cut neckline and collar, in red, yellow, blue and white inch-wide stripes, back-buttoned.—The Christian Science Monitor.

Summer Fragrance

(By CLAUDIA)

For the warmer days of summer we need different clothes, different colours, a different make-up—and a different perfume.

Those heavier, more exotic essences, which chimed so delightfully with ourselves when arrayed in suits, coats, furs and velvets, strike a jarring note when the days are hot and we are all arrayed in the featherweights of cotton, silk and linen.

Hot weather demands the light, fresh perfumes of flowers. And before you say that you, at any rate, cannot bear floral perfumes, let me hasten to add that there is as much difference and variety among the flowers as among any other species. From the rather cloying sweetness of the lily, to the spicy tang of the wallflower, there is a flower perfume for every personality.

If you have spent most of your life in the cool-to-cold weather climates, you probably don't appreciate floral perfumes as you should. But sunlight and heat call for the freshness and delicacy that only floral perfumes can lend.

You can look, and feel, cooler during the summer months if you adopt flowers, both real, artificial and in perfume form. Once you have chosen your favorite, and the one that expresses your personality, you must match perfume, dusting powder and toilet water with the flowers you wear on your dress or in your hair.

Apple Blossom

For the fresh-faced teen-age girl, or the unsophisticated type of older woman, apple blossom is perfect. It is light, sweet and refreshing.

Feminine types frequently choose carnation for their summer perfume, and wear it's counterpart in corsage or hair ornament. The carnation has sweetness, but an

undefinable sharpness that is most refreshing.

The sleek brunette will choose jasmine, with its sweet and spicy perfume; or frangipani for nights of tropical warmth.

Roses for the petite blonde; gardenia for the redhead; orchid for the sophisticated; camellias for the olive-skinned brunette; there is a flower for everyone. Your own choice may be unusual, but, if it suits you, it will be even more delightful.

Should you not care for the more subtle perfumes, there is lavender, universally beloved. There are many charming women to whom the trail fragrance of lavender is a part of life. One of the loveliest and most delicate of perfumes, lavender comes in every form of toiletries as well as sachets for drawers and muslin bags for the wardrobe.

All the perfumes of the spring flowers are ready with the coolness of spring to temper the heat of summer. The miraculous lily of the valley, the rich, tangy wallflower, the fragrant narcissus, which would you choose? And if you are young and shy, remember the violet!

Perfumes in summertime are not so lasting. They must, as always, be applied to the skin, never the clothes, and soon mingle with perspiration and are lost in evaporation. So you will find it a good tip to use a spray, which distributes the perfume lightly and evenly. In this way, it never becomes stale and can be easily renewed.

By MELITA SPRAGGS

London.

Cotton is likely to be the first choice for British women's "buttons and bows" this summer. Since 1941 there have been few cottons on the home market. Absence would have made the heart grow fonder even if cotton still meant only the lovable tubbables of pre-war days.

But post-war cottons now trickling through to the home market are in many ways different from those used for pre-war "tub" frocks and play clothes.

Cotton was "discovered" first by the haute couturiers working for export when overseas markets opened after the war. It was hardly recognized in the daintiest evening gowns of sea island cotton, in tailored hostess gowns with elegant peacock trains, and dinner dresses in jersey or corduroy.

Now these clothes are available to some extent for the home market. Cotton which can be cut, molded, and seamed has brought good styling to summer dresses of the best wholesale houses.

Clothes certainly are gay; but they have been for many months past.

Arresting Variety

There are likely to be, day dresses in the shape of printed poplin, tulle, stripes, floral, and sophisticated designs, inspired by Victorian wallpaper; there are tartans, Black Watch and Royal Stuart; there are checks all the way from speckled to half-inch squares; polka dots and geometric designs; there are Paisleys and Indian weaves; there are white lace designs printed on blue and black grounds.

Skirts are full with the movement in the hemline. Often a band of box-pleating gives a lightly swaying waistline and bold lines fitting.

Variety comes with original treatment of necklines. The "pleat-neck" up-to-date version of the old-fashioned Bertha collar, is popular for day and evening dresses. This is either a boat-shaped neck finishing off the shoulders or a frill falling over

the arms to take the place of sleeves.

Other neckline treatments are the fringe collar standing up high at the back; the square neck—wide at the front; folded. Evening dresses are often strapless with long matching scarves thrown over the shoulders.

Trimming Important, Too

Broderie Anglaise and plique are used a great deal for trimming this season, especially in combination with navy blue. A navy blue merized cotton afternoon suit has winged cuffs and lapels in white plique. The same material is used for cool white blouses for wear with bold striped skirts.

These full skirts have high corseted waists to give the new Empire line. They are useful for wear with a blouse or with a sun-top for country or seaside in warm weather.

Beach wear is becoming more and more elegant in tone and has to be taken seriously as respectable. A complete summer outfit this season often consists of a fitting beach coat which may also do duty as a housecoat in town; cross-over or button-through skirt; shorts or bloomers and bra.

For the younger woman a short Chinese coolie coat takes the place of the full-length coat.

A space-saving holiday troussseau may be in five parts—skirt, short, blouse, bra, and jacket.

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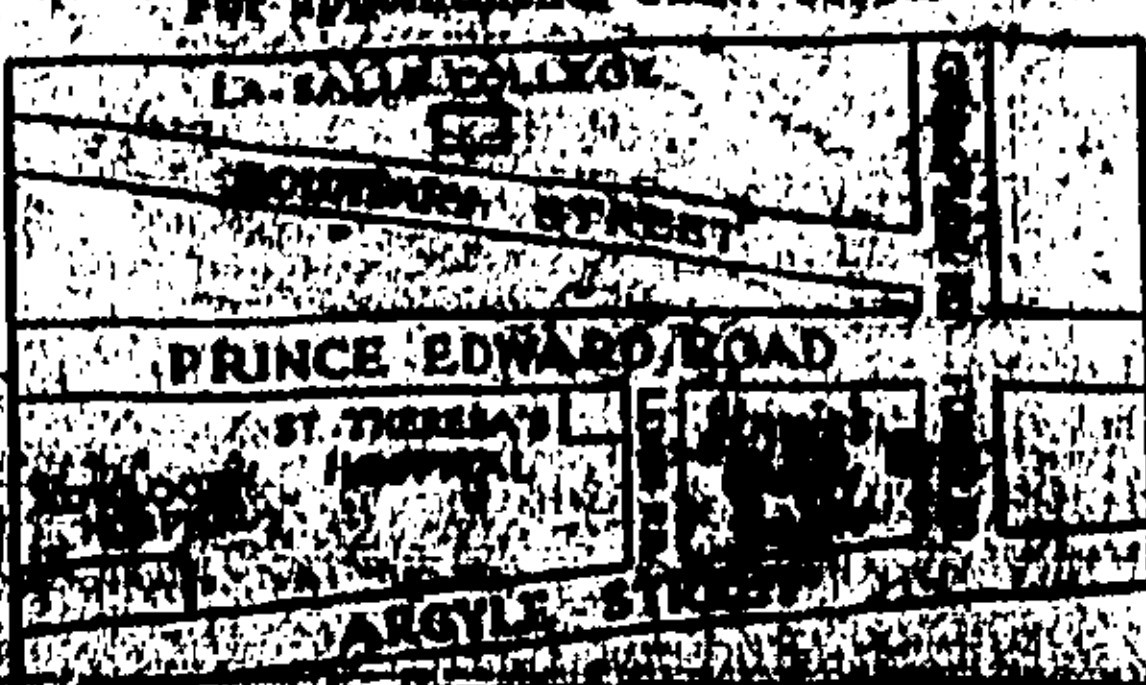
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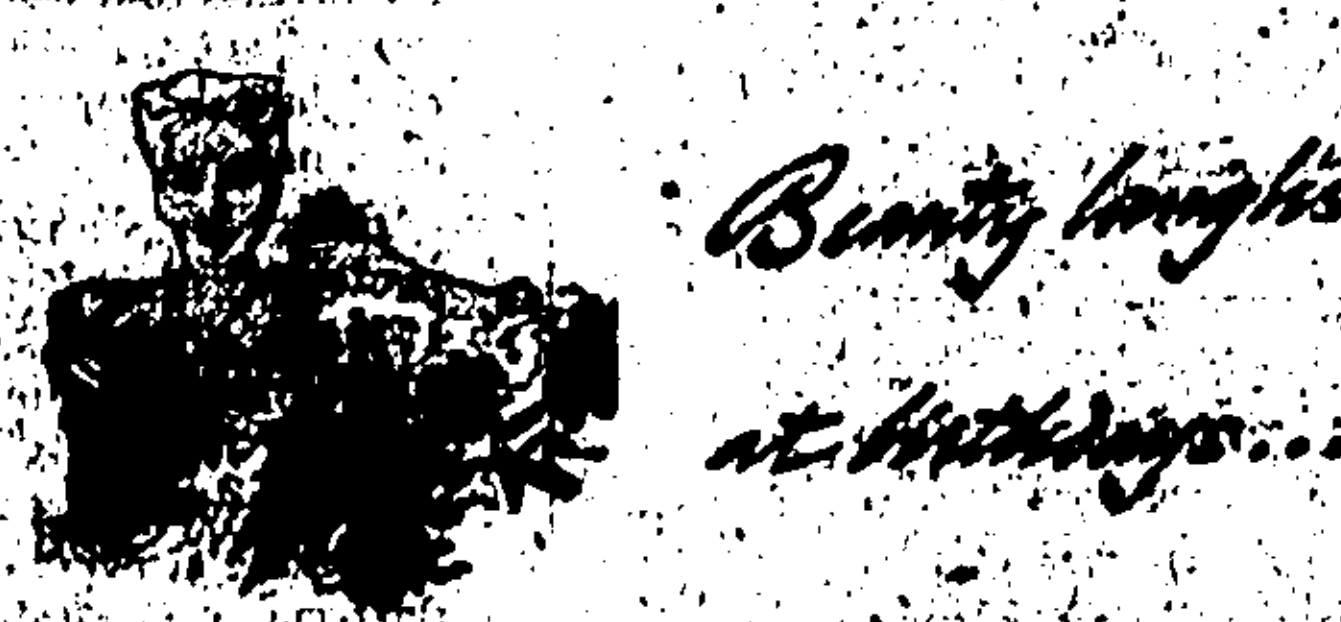
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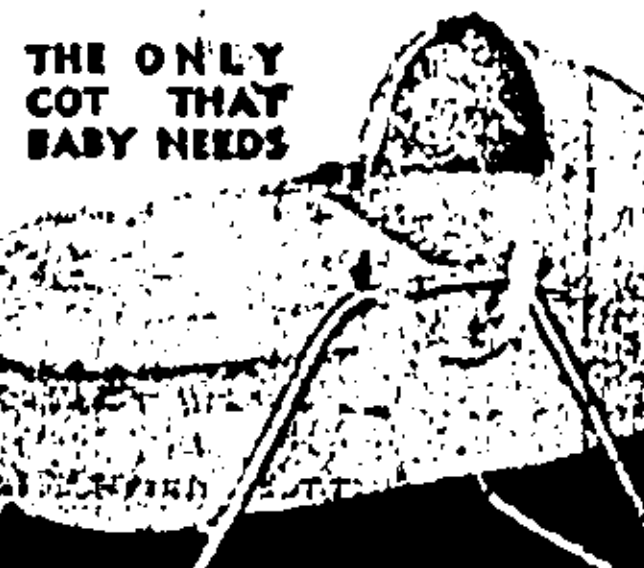
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Between Ourselves

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FULL FIGURE FASHIONS

By JANET MARTIN

There are many charming styles among the parade of summer fashions which are ideally suited to the fuller figure—or "Juno" figure as it has been christened by a famous London house.

The days of special, but staid and oh! so unimaginative styles for the larger figure have, thank heavens, long gone by. There are, of course, houses who specialise in full-size models, but they no longer design creations which no one else would dream of wearing.

They merely select, from the current trends of highest fashion, the lines and ideas which are most suited to their clientele, and work on these. And this selection is something which any Juno, with a little fashion sense and sense of proportion, can make for herself.

The return of the "all-in look" is a boon of course, but too much of the slim, tailored line, especially if moulded too closely, can even emphasise generous curves.

Let us pick out a few of the most up-to-date ideas and see how good they are for those full curves. The simple, tailored frocks for mornings are for everyone this year, no matter what size Juno must take care to have reasonable fullness in the skirt below hip level. She must also take particular care with the bodice fit at the back.

Her measurement from shoulder to waist at the front is likely to be a couple of inches longer than the shoulder to waist line at the back and adjustment to avoid those folds and creases across the waist which spoil the entire line of the back.

Most Flattering

Perhaps the most flattering of all the latest lines is the V-neckline, cut as low as modesty permits, but never so low that a vestee is necessary. For vestees are as dated as the V is up to the minute. Bodices with draped lines; bodices that cross over; small

rolled collars or narrow, collarless reverse; all these combine with the V neckline and slim the outline of the bust.

Juno's choice in skirts will include the straight front with back fullness, but the fullness will be arranged to swing out from hip level, not from the waist. A smooth fit over the hips and fullness below will take off inches more than a narrow line all the way down.

Anything with a bustle and flounce effect must be avoided, but there are many draped lines which are perfect. The graceful side drape is most attractive for the full figure, for it breaks the hip line.

One model, specially recommended, has a soft cascade panel at either side. It is one of the illusions of skilful draping that it can lend an illusion of fullness to a thin figure and at the same time melt away inches from a fuller one.

Another excellent line is the diagonal stripes are so fashionable, choose a neat, not too broad version, and have it made up on diagonal lines, with V-neck and panelled skirt. For softer dresses, diagonal drapes across the skirt, drawn up in soft pleats to one side at the waist is the perfect complement to the flattering cross-over bodice.

From the dressmaking and fitting point of view, Juno's slogan should be "nothing tight or skimpy", for she knows that anything which strains or pulls will only draw attention to her size and make her look as if she is bursting out of her clothes.

Summer Basics



Selected from the New York better dress market, these three numbers point up three different types which will be basic this summer. Left to right: Dressy sheer black in the very important short formal; bouffant—this is chiffon over tulle in a dress by Mollie Parnik. News in the shirred sleeveless top with rock cut low and wide and in the gray and pink roses. Black and simple for the well cut coat dress in a yarn-dye silk shantung in gray, cloud blue, pottery rose. This is one of a series in Herbert Bondheim's collection. News in the smooth shoulders, exaggerated collar, cuffs and pocket flaps. Useful for many occasions is the soft covered-up daytime sheer, black or navy. This one from Ann Sadovsky shows the big trend of side-swept molding.

Ann Temple False Pride

The girl I have loved for years—and who loved me—is now away at the university for half a year. All her affection and enthusiasm has gone.

She has met other people, but confesses that she still likes me better than anyone else. Do you think her interest in me is still there? If so, can I do anything to arouse it? Is it worth being patient and waiting for her?—DUNELM.

I would not like to say her interest is dead: It is quite possible that it may be sleeping. A girl taking up university life and all its absorbing interest with enthusiasm does tend to live in her own world and feel herself apart from the outside world of reality.

You could shake her into reality by taking up a more forceful attitude. Stand for a definite "Yes" or "No." If "No"—that's the end. But it is quite possible you may be a lover—unfortunately by that. If your love and her love were really deep it would be worth waiting for. But if you feel you could forget the whole business easily—just like that—it would be wiser to do so.

If a young couple find in each other an ideal companionship, agree on fundamental things, but are not in love—what are their chances of a happy marriage?—JEAN.

If I put the emphasis on young, I put the chance of a fully happy marriage low. Your ideal

companionship and agreement in fundamentals are good auguries for happiness in the marriage of older couples.

To be in love is a great experience. And it happens. One never knows when or why. There is, of course, the chance that this young couple may fall in love with each other. There is also the chance that each or both may meet "the one and only one" too late.

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Brussels, May 7.

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This decision was taken in view of bringing about a balance of consumption and production.

AMERICAN COTTON FOR JAPS

Washington, May 7. The U.S. Army announced yesterday that it has arranged for the purchase of about \$30,000,000 worth of American raw cotton for Japan. The purchase amounts to about 105,000 bales.

It is the first transaction under the \$150,000,000 natural fibre revolving fund programme.

The fund is for procurement of U.S. fibres for shipment to American occupied areas.

Agreements were signed yesterday under which the Chase National Bank, the National Bank, and the Bank of America, each is authorised to issue commercial letters of credit totalling \$10,000,000 and to receive prompt reimbursement from the fund. The announcement was made shortly after the U.S. Agriculture Department estimated the 1944 cotton crop at 14,880,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight. Associated Press.

Shipbuilding In Britain

London, May 7.

Britain's merchant marine has replaced 11,000,000 of the 12,000,000 tons of shipping lost through enemy action and is still building. Mr. Alfred Barnes, Minister of Transport, declared today.

Mr. Barnes told the annual general meeting of the Mercantile Marine Association that Britain's combined dry cargo and tanker fleets are only a million tons below their pre-war strength and "our overseas trade links are being steadily re-established." Associated Press.

Meeting In 1950

E.D. White, chief U.S. delegate was re-elected Chairman of the standing committee.

It was also decided that the sixth plenary meeting will be held in the U.S. in 1950.

Member Governments represented at the eighth plenary meeting were Australia, Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, France, Greece, India, Italy, Lebanon, Mexico, Netherlands, Pakistan, Peru, Turkey, United Kingdom and the United States.

Observers for Bolivia, Chile, Dominican Republic, Finland, Nicaragua, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria and Yugoslavia attended.

Also represented were the International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners and the International Federation of Agricultural Producers. Associated Press.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, May 7. Strong short covering sent May wheat up more than three at times. The rise resulted from reports that the Government does not plan to sell any of its wheat and a higher Government bid at Gulf of Mexico ports.

Wheat closed 3/4-3/8 higher: May \$2.23 3/4-\$2.24; July \$1.04 1/2-\$1.05; September \$1.04 3/4; December \$1.00 1/2-1/4.

Corn was 3/4-1/8 higher: May \$1.33 3/4-3/8.

Oats were 1/4-1/8 higher: May 67 1/2-3/4.

Soybeans were 1 1/4-2 1/4 higher: May \$2.30-1/4. Associated Press.

INDIA RUSHING ORE TO JAPAN

New Delhi, May 7.

The Government of India plans to run special trains to Calcutta to rush iron ore to Japan where it is urgently needed.

Eight special trains will move 8,000 tons of ore from Barajamada to Calcutta, beginning today. Associated Press.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

Seattle, May 7.

Washington Mail arrived from Tokyo Bay. Vessels from Yokohama: H. H. Raymond sailed for Yokohama; Flying Scud for Yokohama. San Francisco, Tanker Schuyler arrived on Thursday from Sasebo. Associated Press.

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All claims must reach us before June 7, 1949, or they will not be recognized.

No Insurance will be effected.

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Hong Kong, May 7, 1949.

The Picture That Shocked My Brother

(Continued from Page 11)

We were also worried that all the prestige which had been built up as a result of Neil Gwyn and Peg Woffington was being frittered away in these popular but unimportant "quick films." One night when we were discussing this, Herbert said, "It's not good enough. From now on, we are going back to our old policy of making worthwhile films in which we believe."

This policy we have pursued ever since. Then Edward VIII abdicated. One of the last things he did as King was to express a wish that the play "Victoria Regina" should be sanctioned for public performance.

Within an hour, Herbert had advertised and registered a film called "Victoria the Great." I remember his ringing a Wardour Street number and saying: "I am going to make 'Victoria the Great' with Anna Neagle as Queen Victoria."

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Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke at 10 a.m. on the 10th May.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 11th May will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 18th May, 1949, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

DODWELL & CO., LTD. Agents.

Hong Kong, May 6, 1949.

The line spluttered. "Not with my money!" was the indignant reaction.

"I'll find the money myself," replied Herbert. "We won't distribute it if Anna Neagle plays Queen Victoria," came the reply.

Once again, this blind prejudice and lack of imagination!

I looked at Herbert. Very quietly, he said: "I am going to make it, and you are going to make your greatest hit." Although I was stunned at the prospect, I was also full of excitement and determination to confound my critics.

The ward got round Wardour Street—"Wilcox has gone mad! He is going to make 'Victoria the Great' and Anna Neagle—that chorus girl—is to play Queen Victoria!"

(To Be Continued)

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New York Stock Exchange

New York, May 7.

Demand for stocks went down as temperatures went up in New York yesterday. The day was the hottest May 6 on record. Trading was desultory. Only 780,000 shares changed hands. Of 910 issues traded, 476 were lower, 234 advanced. Some stocks moved counter to the trend.

Firestone gained 1/2 at 48 1/2.

Dow Jones Averages:

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Gen. Pub. Utilities 14 1/2. Associated Press.

NY COTTON

New York, May 7.

Cotton was irregular in quiet trading, closing 15 higher to five lower. Buying was encouraged by new cotton export credits to Europe. It was discouraged by small mill buying and growing Government acquisition of cotton under its price support programme.

May 33.70.

July 32.77-79.

October 29.20-21.

December 29.00-01.

March 28.93 nominal.

Middling spot 33.83 nominal. Associated Press.

LONDON STOCKS

London, May 7.

The stock exchange was irregularly higher in quiet trading yesterday. Oils eased on profit-taking after the recent rise of these shares. Kaffirs also declined on small offerings. Industrials were steady with iron and steel issues well supported.

Financial Times Index: 115.8, up 1. Associated Press.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns or failure to attend the survey.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godown where they will be examined in the presence of Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on the 12/5/1949 at 10 a.m.

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Entries For Kentucky Derby

Louisville, Kentucky, May 6.

The golden gate to fame and glory was thrown open today when historic Churchill Downs began receiving official entries for the 75th running of the Kentucky Derby.

The box was opened shortly after dawn and a total of 14 owners were expected to enter their horses in the American premier horse race—a mile and a quarter—for the \$100,000 prize. It will cost the owner \$1,000 to enter a horse in the Derby. In return he might win \$100,000, if he goes to the post, plus a gold cup studded with diamonds.

Topping the list of expected entries was Fred Hooper's Olympia—a favorite at six to five. But Olympia has yet to prove himself unbeatable—a fact that gives the Derby more favor than it had last year when Calumet nearly scored all opposition off the track with Citation and Countdown.

Clifford Moore's Old Rockport, for example, beat Olympia in California earlier this year, and Calumet almost did it again in the Wood Memorial.

The Greenlee farms has a capable team in Capot and Wine List and the Calumet farms cannot be counted out with Ben Jones saddling Ponder—United Press.

Rocky Graziano Re-Instated

New York, May 6.

Rocky Graziano, former world middleweight boxing champion, who has been under suspension in New York State since February 7, 1947, for failing to report an alleged prize, was re-instated today by the State Athletic Commission.

Graziano won the middleweight title from Tony Zale in 1947 and lost it to Zale in 1948. Graziano has been training for a comeback although he is barred in all States covered by the National Boxing Association.

Mr. Abe J. Greene, Commissioner of the National Boxing Association, said that the N.B.A. suspension on Graziano would be lifted as soon as the California State Commission had removed its ban against him.

Mr. Green said that Graziano had made restitution for running out on a bout with Fred Apostoli, which was to have taken place in California, on December 1, 1948.

It was this action that precipitated his suspension in California.

His re-instatement in California is only a technicality, Mr. Green said, and he is expected to be cleared as soon as the Commission holds another meeting, which is likely to be soon.—Reuter.

Swedish Seaman Charged

A 26-year-old Swedish seaman, residing at the Seamen's Institute, was charged before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday with being a vagrant and with drunk and disorderly conduct.

Gustaf Lennard Lundahl was cautioned by the magistrate, and was ordered to the House of Detention pending shipment to Sweden.

Inspector Brownrigg, prosecuting, said that defendant was a Swedish seaman living at the expense of the Swedish Consulate. Several times, defendant had caused a nuisance by trespassing in the manager's office of the Seamen's Institute.

On Friday, defendant, under the influence of liquor, again disturbed the manager.

FILIPINO PLAYER GOING TO PARIS

Manila, May 7.

The Philippine tennis champion, Feliciano Ampon, is leaving by plane today for Paris via Rome to participate in the French national tennis championships.

The diminutive Philippine top-ranker will also compete in the Queen's Club tourney in London and in the Wimbledon tournament next month.—United Press.

VISITORS FROM MACAO BEAT RN AT HOCKEY

A good game of hockey yesterday was the match at King's Park between the Royal Navy and Macao, which the visitors won by four goals to one to prove their superiority in the field, having won once before when they visited the Portuguese city earlier in the year.

Navy did extraordinarily well in the first half, as they swept repeatedly into the offensive with a strategy that avoided close play.

But they failed to keep that up. Macao, settling down to their game, soon had Navy on the defensive, after having the first goal scored against them.

Navy surprised all early in the game when at the bully off, they carried the ball deep into the Macao defence, and with the whole weight of the team, bore down on the Portuguese, hammering constantly at the goal.

But Macao left back, the mainstay of the visitors back line, was the difficult obstacle for the Navy attackers. Time and again he warded off the danger brought about by Morrison and Almeida (left wing and inside left respectively) covering his goalkeeper, Ferreira with conspicuous brilliance.

Break Through

Then Morrison broke through. In the seventh minute of the game and about the fifth time Navy was taking the ball up, Perry (centre forward) swung the ball to the right.

As the Macao defence bore down on the attackers on the right, Perry received the ball and swung it to Morrison who was following in line on the left, unmarked.

Just then Morrison was entering the dec. He wasted no time and sent in a straight shot which had Captain beaten by a stick length.

After this, Macao asserted themselves. Getting the better of the centre, Mallova (Macao centre forward), raced down the field distributing to his support line in excellent order.

Mallova and Clarke, in the Navy defence, warded off this early threat by the Portuguese to level the scores. Mallova, especially, was playing a grand defensive game with Clarke rendering valuable support.

Rowlands, Navy's custodian brought off a fine save when Ritchie brought the ball down once again. This time he swung it to his left where young Almeida, one of Macao's most speedy forwards, raced beautifully.

Northamptonshire Wins At Taunton

History repeated itself today when Northamptonshire opened their championship games by beating Somerset at Taunton. By a strange coincidence, the last time Northamptonshire won their first championship match of the season occurred 14 years ago, also at Taunton, against Somerset.

Only two men, who helped in that victory, played in this match. They were D. Brookes and J. E. Timms.

In a great finish, Northamptonshire beat Somerset by two wickets today. They were set to score only 64 to win, but against the bowling of H.T.F. Buse, collapsed like the Northamptonshire of old, and only the coolness of their new skipper, F.R. Brown, enabled them to save the situation.

Going in when the score was 27 for six, Brown saw two more wickets fall, but he remained unperturbed, and made the "wicket" with a characteristic drive to the mid-wicket boundary off Wellard. Brown scored 22 not out.

R.G. Garlick, who made several out, gave his captain, for valuable support in those eventful last overs, for 12 runs; he still needed when he went to the crease. Buse, with medium pace deliveries of 60-70 m.p.h., claimed seven wickets for 28 runs in nine overs.

The match proved a personal triumph for Brown, who was leading Northants for the first time. His bowling, chiefly accounted for Somerset's remaining seven second innings wickets falling today for only 103 runs.

Supported by keen fielding, Brown took four for 51 in 24 overs with leg spinners. With Surrey all out in their second innings before lunch, the MCC will set a goal of 280 runs for victory with more than five hours to achieve their task. E.M. Brown (34) and W.G. Dwyer (22) began so freely that they made 53 together in 50 minutes, but the Bessers' (twins) caused a "breakdown", and with five men out for 158, Surrey looked likely to win.

The George Mann, captain of the MCC team, in South Africa, drove so well that he made 50, including one six and six fours in 56 minutes. F.E. Bailey helped him to add 71, but eight men were out with 12 runs still required.

Jack Young, who toured South Africa, made 21 not out, and helped Bailey to take their side to victory.

Bailey, who scored 35 not out, employed a fine mixture of bat and ball, and in the two Surrey innings, he took 12 wickets for 141 runs with his right arm fast deliveries.

Confident Century
 A confident century by John Langridge, who at the close had scored an unbeaten 116 out of a total of 170 for Surrey, was mainly responsible for Surrey's seven-wicket victory over Cambridge University.

Langridge mastered the Cambridge bowling and reached his century after two hours and 20 minutes batting.

At Oxford, Worcestershire won by six wickets though they lost their opening pair for 13 when set to get 277 in two hours and a half. They knocked off the runs with 10 minutes to spare.

The results of games which ended today were:

At Taunton: Northamptonshire beat Somerset by two wickets. Northamptonshire 408 and Somerset 384 (Buse seven for 28). Somerset 214 and 249.

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